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A WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Canada at Halifax.

Rumored Demand by Our Government for Explanations from the French Government Regarding Mexico.

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SPREAD OF THE POLISH INSURRECTION.

The French in Trouble in Cochin China.

HALIFAX, Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Cunard steamship *Canada*, from Liverpool 10½ A. M. on the 7th, via Queenstown on the evening of the 5th inst., arrived at this port at 11 A. M. to-day.

The *Canada* has on board 18 Boston passengers and 140 Lancashire operatives—the latter sent out by the liberality of Miss BURDETT COUTTS.

The *Canada* reports, Feb. 16, exchanged night signals with a steamer, supposed to be the *China*, from New-York for Liverpool; on the 14th, passed the steamship *Edinburgh*, from New-York for Liverpool.

The steamship *Teutonia*, from New-York for Hamburg, arrived at Southampton on the morning of the 5th inst.

The steamer *Damascus* arrived at Queenstown on the 6th inst., short of coal.

The United States Consul at Cardiff has written a letter to various journals, stating that no rebel vessel is lying at that port, as has been represented. The vessel in question (the ship *Conway*) formerly belonged to Baltimore, and is legitimately engaged in the Brazilian trade.

Our Southampton correspondent writes that the steamship *Adriatic* is just ordered to get ready for sea, and proceed to New-York from Southampton for the present.

The ship *Connecticut*, from Liverpool for New-York, put into Queenstown on the 7th inst., with her cargo shifted, leaky, &c.

THE FRENCH IN MEXICO.

REPORTED INQUIRY BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE EMPEROR'S INTENTIONS.

A Paris letter gives a report that President LINCOLN'S Administration demands from France a categorical explanation of the Emperor's intentions in Mexico, and of the interpretation to be put on his letter to Gen. FOREY.

A REPORTED REBEL LOAN.

FIVE MILLIONS STERLING ON THE BASIS OF COTTON AT FIVEPENCE PER POUND.

The *Times'* City article says: "It is reported that an offer was made about two months ago, by certain parties in Paris, to negotiate a loan for the Confederate Government, of £5,000,000 sterling, on the basis of cotton at fivepence per pound, the holder having the option, after a certain period, of exchanging his cotton for Confederate bonds at 70, bearing 6 per cent. interest, and that the offer was partially accepted."

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH—THE TIME FOR MEDIATION IN AMERICA NOT YET ARRIVED.

The opening of the Parliament and the Queen's speech were sent out by the *Glasgow* and *Nova Scotian*. The speech contains very little of importance, except the following:

"Her Majesty has abstained from taking any step, with a view to induce a cessation of the conflict between the contending parties of the North American States, because it has not yet seemed to her that any such overtures could be attended with a probability of success. Her Majesty has viewed, with the deepest concern, the desolating warfare which still rages in those regions, and she has witnessed, with heartfelt grief, the severe distress and suffering which that war has inflicted upon a large class of Her Majesty's subjects, but which have been borne by them with great fortitude and exemplary resignation. *It is some consolation to Her Majesty to be led to hope that this suffering and this distress are rather diminishing than increasing, and that some renewal of employment is beginning to take place in the manufacturing districts.*"

THE DEBATE ON THE SPEECH—VIEWS OF EARL DERBY AND EARL RUSSELL IN THE LORDS, AND MR. DISRAELI IN THE COMMONS.

Earl DUDLEY moved, and Earl GRANARD seconded the address in response to the speech from the throne.

Earl DERBY criticised the Queen's speech at length. He spoke in congratulatory terms on the Prince of Wales' marriage. He said he had no objection to raise against the course the Government had adopted in regard to the American war, but he regretted that the Government had not felt themselves justified in joining the attempt, in which they were invited by France, not to intervene, nor for the purpose of putting an end to the war, but to obtain by their good offices, if possible, such an armistice and cessation of hostilities as could lead the two parties themselves to reflect on the miseries and hopelessness of the war in which they were engaged. Before he censured the course taken by the Government, it was but fair that he should say they were in possession of much better information than he was as to whether interference on their part would have been judicious. *He differed from the opinion expressed by many of his political friends, that the time had arrived for recognizing the Southern States.* There were only two cases on which recognition on the part of a neutral Power could be justified—namely, where there was no further struggle going on, or where it was desirable in the interests of humanity that the great Powers should interfere in order to prevent the continuance of a destructive warfare. But in that case recognition was always followed by something further. *It meant support by force of arms of the claims of the country whose right was recognized*, such as was the case on the separation of Belgium from Holland, and of Greece from Turkey. His conviction was, that come what may, the reconstruction of the States as they formerly stood was absolutely impossible, and on the whole, he approved the course which the Government had taken. [Cheers.] He then deplored the distress which the war had brought on the Lancashire operatives, and reviewed the foreign policy of the Government in regard to Italy, Greece, &c., and deprecated the idea of ceding the Ionian Islands to Greece.

Earl RUSSELL, in reply, justified the policy of non-intervention which the Government had pursued in the American war. The circumstances were very different from those which existed when Belgium was separated from Holland, and Greece from Turkey; and taking all matters into consideration, he thought the Government had taken the wisest course in their power to pursue. *At the same time, he expressed the strong opinion that it would be impossible for the Union of the Northern and Southern States to be again established.*

Earl MALMESBURY expressed regret that England had not joined France in the proposed mediation.

Earl GREY took the contrary view, and after a few more speeches the address was agreed to.

In the Commons, Mr. CALTHORPE moved and Mr. BAILEY seconded the address.

Mr. DISRAELI reviewed the Ministerial programme in detail, and took some exceptions to it. Alluding to the distress in the cotton districts he said the House might, on such occasions, expect to learn how long this state of things is likely to last; but, for his own part, he could not but regard what was passing in America as a revolution. He briefly sketched the rise of the Union, and expressed the opinion that the ultimate results of the war would be all America very different to that known to our fathers, and even to this generation. *There would be an America of armies, an America of diplomacy, and an America of turbulency and wars.* He believed the course originally marked out by the Government was one honorable to the country, and beneficial to all its interests. He was greatly surprised in the Autumn, when an important member of the Government, apparently with the sanction of his colleagues, made a declaration which *could only be regarded as an intention to recognize the Confederate Republic. He felt there was great vacillation and inconsistency on the part of the Government.* The Foreign Secretary said that the North was fighting for empire, and the South for independence; but the President of the Board of Trade alleged that the cause of Slavery was at the bottom of the war. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was warmly in favor of the South, but he was followed by the Secretary of War, who avowed opinions diametrically opposed thereto; and lastly, the Chief Secretary for Ireland declared that it was his conviction that the Lord of Hosts was fighting for the Confederates. He found fault with sundry Government proceedings in their foreign policy, and opposed the cession of the Ionian Islands.

Lord PALMERSTON replied, but said nothing of moment in regard to America.

The address was agreed to.

At the opening of business in the Lords, the Prince of Wales took his seat for the first time, with the formalities usual on such occasions.

In the House of Commons on the 5th, Mr. LAYARD, *in response to some explanations on the Brazilian difficulty, said he believed that friendly relations* would soon be restored.

Mr. DISRAELI made some remarks on the American war. He said that he believed that if the proposal to recognize the South was brought forward, it would be supported by Parliament.

PRESS COMMENTS ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

The *Times*, adverting to the American question in Parliament, points out that the views of the Opposition are the same as those of the Government. After a recess of six eventful months there is not a single statesman on either side who believes that the restoration of the Union, on the terms of the original compact is possible; not one, who believes that the forcible subjugation of the South is possible. Though there is one who declares that if such a conquest was practicable, it would only prove the political ruin of America. We arrive then at the one conclusion; that separation on peaceable terms and at the earliest moment, is the result which the friends of America ought to desire.

The *Times* has another disparaging article on emancipation meetings and those who take part in them, and says it will maintain its solemn protest against domestic massacre in the guise of emancipation.

MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH NEWS.

The British men-of-war in commission have been reduced by 30 vessels and nearly 12,000 men, since August.

An important trial against the Admiralty, in which Mr. CLAKE sought to recover half a million sterling for infringement of his patents in iron ship building, resulted in a verdict for the Crown.

The marriage contract of the Prince of Wales is published. The Princess is secured £10,000 a year.

Prof. HUGHES had been exhibiting with great success the working of his telegraph instrument before the leading men of Liverpool and Manchester, over the wires of the United Kingdom Telegraph Company. Great satisfaction was given, and the instruments were being brought practically into play on the wires of the above Company, who had secured the exclusive right to their use in England. The newspapers are eulogistic of the instruments, which, as yet, are novelties in England.

The merchants of Liverpool in the Brazil trade had held a meeting and adopted a resolution deprecating the summary and extreme measures taken against Brazil, and calling on their members of Parliament to ask the Government for information on the subject.

FRANCE.

In the Corps Legislatif the general debate on the Address had closed, and the first paragraph was adopted, after some demur to the governmental policy toward the Press, and the modifications of the electoral lists. The second paragraph was also adopted, after an effort to get a favorable mention of Poland inserted.

It was reported that the Pope has refused a Cardinal's hat to the new Archbishop of Paris, although the Emperor asked the favor.

The Paris papers contain news of an insurrection in Cochin China, and desperate attacks on the French forces. Some severe fighting had taken place, but the Cochin Chinese were repulsed with heavy losses, and the insurrection checked.

It is asserted that France has asked Spain to send back her troops to Cochin China. Spain has replied that she will respect the treaty she concluded with that country.

The Bourse was firm; Rentes, 70f. 40c.

THE INSURRECTION IN POLAND.

The insurgents continued active.

It was reported that the Government of Warsaw had begun to stop the conscription, and an order declares that all persons taken for the conscription on the night of the 26th and 27th of January are to be released.

An unsuccessful attempt to poison the Marquis of WIELOPOLSKI and family is reported.

The Council of the Empire at Warsaw has received orders from the Emperor to propose several bills of administrative reform for Poland.

The Russian Government is said to have applied for and obtained from Paris, a trusty agent of the French secret police, to organize a French system in Warsaw.

A revolutionary Provisional Government had been formed at Slonsow.

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The Polish insurrection is reported as spreading.

Advices from Poland state that Wengrow had been taken by the Prussians, after a sanguinary battle, in which the insurgents were dispersed.

The reported poisoning of the Marquis WIELOPOLSKI and family is confirmed, but no one is dead yet.

GREECE.

It is confirmed that the Duke of Saxe Coburg declined the candidature for the Greek throne. The Diet of Gotha gave their thanks to the Duke for his rejection. Negotiations were believed to be progressing to get the Duke to reconsider his determination.

PRUSSIA.

The King in reply to an address from the Chamber of Deputies, indorsed the proceedings of the Ministry, and pronounced the complaint of the Chamber against the Administration to be unfounded. He asserted his determination to maintain the rights of the Crown and the Upper House, but deplored the differences of opinion, and hoped for reconciliation.

Financial and Commercial News.

MONETARY.

The London money market was unchanged. The supply was abundant and the funds firm.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The Brokers' Circular reports: Sales for the week 39,500 bales, including 5,000 bales to speculators and 5,500 bales to exporters. The market has been irregular and quiet, at unchanged rates for American or Surats, but Egyptian and Brazilian have declined ⅛@¼d. The sales on Friday reached 3,000 bales, including 1,000 bales to speculators and exporters, the market closing flat and unchanged at the following quotations:

Fair Orleans	26d.	Middling Orleans	22d.
Fair Mobile	25d.	Middling Mobile	22d.
Fair Uplands	24d.	Middling Uplands	22d.

The total stock in port foots up 408,000 bales, including 66,000 bales of American.

Private Cotton circulars quote American Cotton ⅛d.@1d. lower on the week.

TRADE REPORT.—The Manchester market is inactive and steady.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

The Breadstuffs market is quiet and steady. RICHARDSON, BRONSON & Co. and others report: FLOUR dull at 23s.@27s. 6d. WHEAT inactive and nominally unchanged. CORN quiet and steady; Mixed, 29s. 6d.@29s. 9d.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.

The Provision market is generally dull but steady. Messrs. BUDGEN, ATKINS & Co. and others report: Beef easier. PORK steady. BACON steady, with decidedly tendency. LARD firm at 38s.@41s. TALLOW dull and declined 6d.@1s. BUTTER steady.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.

ASHES quiet; Pots 31s. 6d.; Pearls 31s. RICE—sales small; Common quoted 27s. SPIRITS TURPENTINE inactive at 115s. SUGAR quiet and steady. COFFEE firm. RICE quiet. COD OIL quiet and steady. LINSEED OIL firmer at 44s. PETROLEUM very dull at 17s.@17s. 6d.

LONDON MARKETS—(BARING.)

BREADSTUFFS, dull but steady; Corn, steady; SUGAR, firm; COFFEE, buoyant; TEA, steady; TALLOW, flat at 44s. 6d.; SPIRITS TURPENTINE, heavy and nominal at 115s; PETROLEUM, dull at 18s.@18s.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Consols closed on the evening of the 6th at 92¾@93¼ for money. The weekly return of the Bank of England shows an increase of £90,000.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

The market is unchanged, with no sales of moment. Quotations: Illinois Central Railroad, 88¾@89; Erie Railroad, 48@48¾.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday Feb. 7—Evening.

COTTON—Sales, to-day, (Saturday,) 2,000 bales. The market is dull, with but little inquiry, and prices are weak.

BREADSTUFFS—The Breadstuffs market is dull, but steady.

PROVISIONS—The Provision market is flat.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 7—Evening.

Consols closed at 92¾ for Money.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

Sales of Erie Railroad at 46@47; Illinois Central Railroad, 49@50.

RAVEN COTTON MARKET.

Sales for week ending 6th, 6,600 bales. The market is heavy and downward for all descriptions, with a decline of ⅛d. There is little inquiry, and prices are weak for American.

PARIS, Saturday, Feb 7.

The Bourse is firm; Rentes, 70f. 40c.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

The Late Fire at Norfolk—Exchanged Union Prisoners from City Point—The Crew of the Gunboat Isaac Smith—Boats to Richmond.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Feb. 20.

While the recent fire was prevailing on Main-street, Norfolk, the sloop *Cornelia* was discovered in Bell's Dock, attempting to move out, which aroused the suspicion of the guard. On examining her, about $1,500 worth of goods were found aboard, belonging to Mr. KIRK, one of the sufferers. One of the parties suspected was arrested, and, it is understood, has turned States evidence, implicating others. The affair is being investigated.

The old Norfolk Fire Department has been reorganized, and Gen. VIELE has sent for new hose, &c., which has long been needed.

The schooner *Eliza and Rebecca*, which went ashore on the Rip Rap Shoals in the recent storm, was hauled off, yesterday, by the steam-tug *Freeborn*. The schooner was laden with coal for the Quartermaster's Department at Old Point.

FORTRESS MONROE, Saturday, Feb. 21, } Via BALTIMORE, Sunday, Feb. 22.

The flag of truce boat *State of Maine*, arrived here last evening about 6 o'clock, and brought down between 200 and 300 exchanged Union prisoners in charge of Capt. ROBTY, Third New-York Infantry. The boat left with them immediately for Annapolis.

The flag of truce boat *New-York* brought from City Point eighty-to-ninety of the crew of the United States gunboat *Isaac Smith*, recently captured at Stono River; also, nineteen United States officers, being the remainder of those captured previous to Jeff. DAVIS' proclamation.

The following are the names of United States prisoners who have died in the military hospital at Richmond since the last report:

John Wright, sutler, of Washington, Feb. 2—pneumonia.
J. B. Corey, Co. A, 21st Wis., Feb. 2—pneumonia.
F. H. Caswell, Co. E, 74th Ill., Feb. 4—fever.
Capt. S. S. Marchant, Co. H, 136th Penn., Feb. 18—fever.

The foregoing list is forwarded by Jesse WILLIAMS, Surgeon in charge.

Movements of George N. Sanders.

HALIFAX, Saturday, Feb. 21.

GEORGE N. SANDERS, who sailed for Europe on Friday Evening, had been staying here for the last few days previously. He is bearer of dispatches from the Confederate Government.

Death of Lieut.-Col. Gilbert.

ROCHESTER, Sunday, Feb. 22.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. GILBERT, of the Twenty-fifth New-York Volunteers, died in this city this morning, of lung disease. His death was hastened by disease contracted in Richmond while a prisoner.

Sailing of the North American.

PORTLAND, Sunday, Feb. 22.

The *North American* sailed at 3 A. M.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTH.

Rumors of an Advance of Rosecrans' Army.

CANNONADING AT TWO POINTS.

The Texans Complaining of a Mexican Invasion.

The Richmond *Enquirer*, of the 20th inst. says: "There are rumors of an advance of the Yankee army upon Middle Tennessee. Cannonading was heard on Wednesday last in front. There were also artillery reports from the direction of Beech Grove, where Gen. BURNS, with his brigade of Kentucky cavalry, is stationed to ward off the blows that might descend in that direction. Gen. PRESTON has crossed Duck River, north of Columbia, with cavalry and artillery."

The Texas *Ray* of the 2d inst. has accounts of an invasion of our (rebel) soil by Mexican banditti, who are stealing horses, cattle, &c. Capt. BURTON'S company was attacked in Zapata County, and all their horses stampeded. They also captured and hung JUAREZ VELA, Chief Justice of Zapata County. About five hundred Mexicans have been organized for the purpose of plundering our frontier, and their acts are approved by the Mexican authorities. The banditti at last accounts were on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, and some of them are under the United States flag.

GOSSIP FROM RICHMOND.

Correspondence of the Jackson Appeal.

RICHMOND, Jan. 29.

A gigantic report strides over the city. In increases in magnitude as it goes along, as the Latin poet said some two thousand years ago, *fama*, common report. It runs to the effect that Commissioners have arrived in Richmond, having come by the underground railroad, bearing letters to our Government from BRIGHT, of Indiana, and BRIGANCE, of Illinois, which are supposed to relate to a plan of adjustment on the basis of the admission of the Northwestern States into the Southern Confederacy, and that these Commissioners have been in conference with the President throughout the day.

Congress has been dull these two days. The Senate having fixed the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Court at $6,500, has now under discussion the appellate jurisdiction of the tribunal.

There has been another raid upon the gamblers' establishments by the Provost-Marshal's Police, but as usual the great temple of plan has been left undisturbed. The frequenters of this elegant place of resort eat their partridges and bet their money in serene confidence by the presence of a detective.

An investigation of the bridge case established the gratifying fact that only three Federal prisoners were drowned.

Dr. HOLLAND, of Texas, who bore a useful and distinguished part in the recent capture of the *Harriet Lane*, at Galveston, arrived in town the day before yesterday, bringing with him the signal book which was taken by the gallant Lane Burge in that splendid engagement. This book is worth, perhaps, more to the Confederacy than all the prizes that were secured, even more, possibly, than the vessel of the victory. It was found upon the dead body of Commander WAINWRIGHT, and was worn by him in the breast pocket of his coat, where it was pierced by the bullet of a navy revolver, discharged by Capt. BURGE, whose second fire killed his antagonist. Dr. HOLLAND was one of the boarding party that cleared the decks of the *Harriet Lane*. Some of the scenes and incidents he describes, transcend in strange interest the narratives of ALEXANDRE DUMAS.

Some years ago when the famous steamer *Merrimac*, afterward changed into a ram by the Confederate Government, made her trial trip across the Atlantic, she entered, as we all remember, Southampton waters, and her officers were received with great hospitality by the authorities of Southampton. Commander WAINWRIGHT was then the *Merrimac's* First Lieutenant; and on going up to London was entertained by Dr. HOLLAND, who was then living in the great metropolis. The Doctor never saw him again alive, and recognized with a feeling of astonishment in the dead body of the commander of the *Harriet Lane*, lying upon her decks, his guest of some years ago, in London! The saddest of all the terrible tragedies of this infernal war was enacted upon the same crimsoned and slippery stage, when Mr. LEE, of Confederate Arkansas, encountered, in the dying *Lieutenant* of the *General* steamer, his own son! Can history or fiction afford any parallel to this? It is a curious fact, too, which has not been stated, that Capt. LEON SMITH, to whose skill and gallantry Gen. MAGRUDER attributes the entire success of the attack on the enemy's fleet in Galveston Bay, is the brother of CALEB B. SMITH, until very recently the Secretary of the Interior in LINCOLN'S Cabinet.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

Great Improvement in the Morale of the Army—Good Discipline—A Deserter Shot—Interruption of Contraband Trade Across the Lower Potomac, &c.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1863.

In conversation with different persons who reached here, to-day, from the Army of the Potomac, I have been able to gather many interesting facts relative to that division of our army. Time has done much, and Gen. HOOKER more, toward disciplining and making that noble body of citizen soldiers efficient for service under the systematic discipline of the new commander. The name of McCLELLAN has vanished from the minds of the soldiers, and the army, to-day, notwithstanding the mud, is about as much Hookerized as it was at one time McClellanized. In a word, to a man the Army of the Potomac is ready and eager to follow their new leader whither he may lead. This is as it should be; this is as all who were acquainted with the antecedents of HOOKER and the army believed it eventually would be. In recording the fact that desertions have ceased, one notable exception exists, and the result in this case but goes to confirm what I have heretofore said as to the discipline of the army.

On Monday a man named BAUER attempted to desert; he was promptly challenged and ordered to halt by a sentinel. Failing to obey the order, the sentinel fired, and the would be deserter fell dead in his tracks. The blood of this young man is upon the hands of a copper-head friend of his resident in New-York City—through whose influence, it is said, he made the attempt to run away, believing that if once in New-York he would be beyond the control of "LINCOLN'S minions."

The recent gunboat reconnoissances down the Potomac have been very fruitful in results—more so than it was at first supposed. For many months the officers of the Potomac fleet have been aware of an extensive contraband business being carried on across the Potomac, but at what point could not be positively ascertained until a few days ago. Then the discovery was made that there was a regular express communication between Baltimore and Richmond, *via* the counties on the left bank of the Potomac, and crossing that river from St. Mary's County to Northumberland and Lancaster Counties, and then crossing the Rappahannock and so on to Richmond. The officers sent on the expedition to break up this line of communication discharged their duty most admirably. They not only captured the express boats, and destroyed them, but also secured several baskets of mail matter, containing letters from parties in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and New-York, to friends in Richmond, and other sections of the South, some of them, it is said, containing important information, sent by persons heretofore entirely unsuspected of disloyalty. At Heathsville, several rebel soldiers stationed there to aid the express agents, and to give proper signals when it was safe to cross the Potomac, were captured, and they are now quartered in this city. The principal mail route to Richmond has thus been, at last, broken up, and the Confederate conspirators will have to seek some new channel through which to get information of what is going on at Washington, and obtain Northern luxuries.

The Army of the Potomac was again enveloped in a snow-storm yesterday, and when our informant left, the soldiers were amusing themselves by snowballing each other, and also putting the heavy element to some practical and useful purpose by making cabins of it.

The rebels still make a show of force across the Rappahannock, and a few nights ago attempted, at or near Kelly's Ford, to cross to the left bank with cavalry and artillery, but they were handsomely repulsed by AVERELL'S cavalry.

The review, a few days ago, of the Eleventh (SEDGWICK'S) Army Corps, at Brooks Station, was a highly satisfactory affair, notwithstanding the mud in which the troops had to manœuvre.

The Shooting of Brown—Desertions Stopped—Return of Deserters to the Army, &c.

FROM THE LATE WING OF THE ARMY, Friday, Feb. 20, 1863.

WILLIAM BROWN, of the Third New-York Independent Battery, was shot on Wednesday, near Liverpool Point, while attempting to desert to the Maryland shore, a Sergeant in the Oneida Independent Cavalry performing the act. Such instances of speedy retribution exert a wholesome influence upon intending deserters. From the commencement of the war, the leniency exhibited by our military authorities has placed desertion at a premium, and there is scarcely a village or town through the country which does not contain one or more deserter from the Union armies. In some cases nearly entire regiments have managed to "disappear." Gen. HOOKER, it is encouraging to know, comprehends the magnitude of this evil, and one of his first acts on being promoted to the supreme command, was to inaugurate rigorous measures for its prevention. Guards "Police" have been organized and stationed at so many points as to render escape almost impossible. Detectives have also been sent North to bring back such as have ignominiously deserted their comrades in arms. Two hundred and fifty arrived in one batch a few days since.

Lieut. GEORGE A. BAKER, of the Thirty-first New-York Volunteers, has been promoted to a Captaincy, and EDWARD A. BURGESS, of the same regiment, from a Second to a First Lieutenancy. J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

The Condition of Affairs in New-Orleans—Gen. Banks Adopting the Policy of Gen. Butler—Suffering Among the People—The Question of Labor—Hiring the Negroes—Another Negro Regiment.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1863.

It would be difficult to say what sentiment predominates in this city. The Union-loving citizens, on general principles, are undoubtedly despondent; the secesh, though they exult over the destruction of our commercial and Government vessels by two or three English pirates or a parcel of land-lubbers from Galveston, are still not boisterous; their private funds are rapidly being exhausted, for each day they are compelled to drink deeper and deeper at the bitter cup of prospective, yet certain ruin. Nothing, in my opinion, in the future to them seems hopeful; even the establishment finally of a Southern Confederacy promises to be but the possession of the apple of Sodom, for, with that "inestimable boon," they will be poor, dispirited and hopeless. It is undoubtedly a fact, that the arrival of Gen. BANKS here gave a sickly life to the secesh. Many indulged an idea that they were now to have their own way, and things, for a few days, were promising of such a result; but, practically, they are beginning to feel that the new Commander-in-Chief is slowly but surely reaching the same point left by Gen. BUTLER, and that, day by day, their pretentions are curtailed, and that things are fast getting no better for them "than they used to was." In fact, I very much doubt if the enemies of the Union, in many respects, have as much impunity now as they did under "old Tycoon."

Men and women, too, who three months ago were defiant are now quiet; blatant registered enemies find it inconvenient to live without incomes, and are being converted to the Union—not because they love the Union, but because they do not wish to starve. Poverty is a fearful depressor of the sentimental in the abstract, and rebel patriotism, if there is such a thing possible, gives way before the want of wheat bread and bacon sides. The extent to which private fortunes among the rebels are being ruined here is hardly conceivable. I was in a sequestered palace the other day, which two years ago was occupied by people who, as millionaire merchants, were formerly on the levee and in Manchester, bankers, and were known and honored in Liverpool and New-York, who are now living in a contemptible little inferior town in Mississippi, refugees from their homes, and dependent upon the charity of friends for their daily bread. And this is true largely of all the people in the Confederacy. Throughout Louisiana, beyond our lines, and in the adjoining States, the tales of individual suffering brought here by people escaping into New-Orleans are sad indeed. Wheat flour has ceased in most cases to be recorded among the necessaries of life; plenty of grain and corn, and illy cured meats, are all the best can hope for, while the poor struggle on in suffering that can hardly be believed. Probably, in some few places, the despotism that has produced this misery is becoming too heavy to be borne; but as a general thing, the people suffer and do not complain. I know of a few instances where peace is asked at any price and on any terms. Many and many are the families, once in affluence, who now sit down and wring their hands in agony and despair—lament over the bright past that is forever destroyed, and pray God to be relieved from the fearful present. But these people, thus trodden down, are helpless, so far as self-protection is concerned. The rebel Government has stripped the farms of the flower of their youth, of their property, of everything, and left them the prey of the military despots, who, as leaders of guerrilla parties, or as self-constituted guardians of the honor of JEFF. DAVIS' Government, crush out the least voice of complaint, and still rob on, where there is a chance, in the name of the constituted authorities at Richmond. The poison of Slavery makes men cruel to their subordinates of a different color, but that same cruelty is easily and naturally extended to people of their own race. The domestically educated tyrant soon learns to be cruel and heartless to all in his power, and the slave lash is now extended by the leaders of this rebellion over the humble white and black alike.

HIRING THE NEGROES.

Just at this time, the planters are united on one subject, and that is, how they shall get started with the coming year's crop. Every moment that passes away is important, for in a comparatively few days the Spring time will be past, and the crop for the year will be lost. On Saturday evening last, there was a meeting of the planters of the vicinity, including those living below the city, the purpose of which was to find out, if possible, what guarantee they could obtain from Gen. BANKS with regard to the management of the negroes. The Proclamation of Mr. LINCOLN, exempting certain parishes in the state from the Emancipation act, caused lively expressions of gratitude for a few days, but the fact that these had not been really in those parishes excepted by laws of Congress, a slave for many months, the whole of and probably long within our military lines, tend to a damper, and I believe the planters have at last given up coercion in despair, and are asking what and how they shall do to get started. There is no quibbling over the fact that *the negroes have got to be hired*, and the terms are one of the difficulties to be settled with the employed, and then comes in the part to be pursued by Gen. BANKS, viz. the indorsement of those subordinate acts by the Commanding General, to enable the planter to secure a strict and honest observance of obligations made by the laborer with the planter. Practical men are at work devising systems which will accomplish the desired object; one or two gentlemen who have taken off crops with hired labor, are maturing plans which will be presented to the public, and no doubt among them all some plan will be adopted, which, with possible modifications, will give character to the new state of industry to be inaugurated in the late Slave States. One of these practical gentlemen alluded to, has taken off a crop of three hundred hogsheads of sugar with a force consisting in part of slaves, who were left the estate, of hired negroes and a large number of Irish laborers, and I am informed that all these different people worked together harmoniously, and the result was the manufacture and preservation of the crop as above stated.

From this practical free-labor man, an old citizen of Louisiana by the way, I obtain the following rules regarding the management of a plantation where the labor is by freed slaves. One of the best overseers in the South, says, that under these rules he one work any gang of negroes successfully, and that they could be adopted with safety to the negro, the master, and the crop throughout the South. The rules alluded to are as follows:

1. We agree to remain on this plantation for one year and work faithfully the usual number of hours, and will obey and assist the manager to enforce the following rules:

2. We will get to work at daylight and work till dark; taking the usual number of hours for meals.

3. The rations are to be 5 lbs. of meat, one peck of meal, and one quart of molasses per week.

4. The wages are to be $3 to $5 per month for boys and girls, and $5 to $10 for full hands; one half of the wages will be paid monthly in cash, or clothing the balance, at the end of the year.

5. At the end of the year it will also divide among the hands according to their merit ten dollars per hogshead for every one that is made over and above five hogsheads to each hand; no one will be entitled to any share of the general fund who has not done two hundred days' work during the year.

6. The punishments on the place will be: First, fines; second the stocks; and lastly, expulsion from the place.

7. The penalty for the first offence will be a fine of one dollar; second, three dollars; third, five dollars; and fourth, expulsion.

8. Each family will be allowed half an acre, and Saturday afternoon to work it.

9. During grinding, the hands will make their watch and work Saturday afternoons, but will be paid fifty cents for their Sunday's work.

10. *No hand will leave the place without written license.*

11. A barrel of liquor will be kept on the place, and a drink given each day to those who wish, and are willing to pay for it, but no one will be allowed to purchase it from others.

12. If a hand leave the place, or is expelled, his back wages will be forfeited to the hospital funds, out of which the physician and medicines must be paid.

13. Each hand will be responsible for the loss or careless damage of tools, stock, or any other property.

14. Stealing will be punished by a fine of twice the value of the property stolen, one-half to go to the hospital fund.

15. *Rewards.*—Each good day's work, without fault, will secure a mark of approbation, and three hundred such marks entitles the the party to a chance for the highest prize of Twenty-five dollars. Five hundred dollars, taken from the hospital funds will be divided into various prizes from $1 to $25 each—one mark of disapprobation will counterbalance a good mark. Marks of aprobation may be given for other meritorious conduct.

16. Every Sunday morning the hands will be assembled, and the weekly report read to them.

17. Other regulations may be made from time to time as needed.

The construction of these rules indicates that practical men are struggling with the difficulties, which beset the labor question in this country. The freed negro must live, and the great question, after all, is how can you harmonize his new position of independence with the necessities of practical industry.

The Fourth Regiment Native Guard is now in process of formation at the Truro Buildings. I am sorry to say that enlistments go on slowly. Before the arrival here of the incongruous materials of the new expedition, our Native Guard went about their business unnoticed by soldiers or citizens; but now things are different. It has become quite common of late for certain soldiers of these new regiments to insult, and even beat these loyal Africans, and this has been particularly the case with some of these manly, high-toned gentlemen belonging to BILLY WILSON'S Zouaves. It seems that these gentlemen cannot bear to have the United States uniform so degraded as it is when worn by "niggers," so they show their bravery by attacking in numbers a single African, thus showing their superior courage and bravery. All I have to say is, that in a tight fix I should not like to depend for support on these valiant swordies. But this is not all; even amongst officers, in some cases, there is such a high sense of the sacredness of the United States uniform, that they cannot serve along with these black regiments, and they are resigning in a mass. Verily, the world is getting very wise. From the earliest history of our navy, colored men have served indiscriminately with the white sailors and officers on board of our men-of-war, and no complaints have been made, either to their good behavior or bravery. Rowdyism and indifference to sustaining the honor of the country, find queer excuses for their public expression.

The Destruction of the Keokuk Constitution Office.

Dispatch to the Chicago Evening Journal.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Friday, Feb. 20.

At 2½ o'clock yesterday afternoon, about seventy-five convalescent soldiers from the hospital marched to the *Daily Constitution* office, of this city, headed by four persons with sledge-hammers. The greater portion of them took a stand along the street in front of the office. Those with the hammers proceeded into the building, demolishing the press on the first floor, while others went in and knocked together chairs, room out. They then proceeded to the second floor, and cleaned that of type, &c., throwing them from the window. They demolished a press on this floor. They next proceeded to the third floor, and demolished another press and threw it out of the window, and had nearly cleaned the room of type and all other fixings of the office, when a squad of armed soldiers were marched in front of the office, and the ringleaders of the mob ordered to make their men desist and form in line, which was not done until the squad had been ordered to take aim on the parties. Revolvers and carbines were drawn by the convalescents, and threats made that if the squad fired a shot, they, along with their commander, were dead men. The excitement was intense, but the convalescents were formed into line and marched off, but not till the destruction of the office was complete. A part of the presses were dragged to the river.

THE AMERICAN CYCLOPÆDIA.

THE NEW AMERICAN CYCLOPÆDIA. A Popular Dictionary of General Knowledge, edited by GEORGE RIPLEY and CHARLES A. DANA. Sixteen vols., 8vo. New-York: D. APPLETON & Co., 1857-58.

There are many points of view in which the *New American Cyclopædia* requires to be noticed; before its merits and relative claims to attention are perfectly understood. Like most works circulated exclusively by subscription, and published by installments, the volumes, as they have appeared individually during the last five years, have been little more than briefly announced by that department of the periodical Press which aspires to direct the judgment of the book-buying community. There is, indeed, a reason for this, as the separate volumes are but single stones of the great edifice whose value depends not on the brilliancy or highly-wrought finish of particular parts, but on their fitness for the place assigned them in the main plan, and their general power of combination in one harmonious aggregate, where the art of the designer and the skill of the workman alike contribute to the result. As SOLON would pronounce no man happy or fortunate till removed beyond the reach of contingencies by death, it is only when the final consummation is attained—when the many storied structure towers above its fellows, complete, that a satisfactory decision on its execution can be formed, and a righteous verdict recorded on the question of its adaptability to fill the place it was intended to occupy in the world of Letters and Science. This opportunity is now afforded by the recent conclusion of the Cyclopædia. The importance of the subject in relation to popular instruction, and the magnitude of the interests involved in the enterprise, demand something more than a passing notice for a work unique in the annals of American Literature. In the present case, however, the critic's functions are light; they have but to register a "foregone conclusion." The people has outrun its guides, and though we should scarcely admit the infallibility of the "Vox Populi" to the extent sometimes claimed for it, yet the soundness of that great democratic principle may be fairly allowed in a matter of supply and demand. That the public, when conscious of a pressing want, are competent to decide if an article offered relieves that want, no one can doubt. Tried by this test, the Cyclopædia is already triumphant. Its steady and unfaltering progress, persistent through the darkest hours of National convulsion, and commercial derangement and distress, has been watched by the astounding number of *seventeen thousand subscribers*, who have seen the work grow "silently, as in a dream" (like the Russian "palace of ice") on their shelves, till the grand result is attained in sixteen stately volumes, comprising a total number of 12,804 ample pages, "rich with the spoils of time." A success like this, obtained almost spontaneously, and without any recourse to the usual arts of notoriety, cannot be gainsayed by criticism. A more pleasing duty remains—to show that it is deserved, and that the people have "a reason for the faith within them," displayed in their generous support of this great national work.

The attempt to condense a digest of human knowledge, to codify the laws of nature, and embrace not merely the phenomena of matter, but also the "brave translunary things" that belong to the world of mind, within the limits of a single work, is a bold one, and must have been especially daring in its first conceiver, however much more practicable it may have seemed in the narrow field of early science. It may be traced to very remote times. The idea was familiar to the Greeks, from whom we have derived the current term Encyclopedia, but no evidence remains that they had advanced to its realization, and the *Natural History* of the Roman, PLINY the Elder, more nearly exemplifies the classical conception than any other extant work. Throughout the Middle Ages the same object was kept in view, more or less successfully, by various writers. The continuous demand is shown by the fact, that the first work of magnitude confided to the infant printing-press, in 1472, was the huge *Speculum, or Mirror of All Things, Natural, Divine, Moral and Historical*, by VINCENT, of Beauvais, in seven immense folios, and that it ran through six editions in the first century from the invention of the art. A learned Hollander, JOHN HENRY ALSTED, (no doubt a progenitor of our Knickerbocker "Halsteads,") is usually credited with the nearest approach to the modern plan, in his *Encyclopedia*, first published in 1610. "I take him," says COTTON MATHER, "to have been as learned a man as ever was in this world," and he recommends his work in terms that remind one of a modern book notice, as "invaluable to those who would make short work of all the sciences, and find out a northwest passage to them." ALSTED, however, had no immediate successors, and a growing consciousness of the difficulty of grasping the daily increasing products of study, seems to have led to a division of labor and a separate cultivation of science and literature. Thus in History and Biography the important Dictionaries of HOFMAN, MORERI, BAYLE, CHAUFEPIE, CHALMERS, the *Biographie Universelle*, &c., constitute a chain which reaches from the Seventeenth Century to our own day. In Natural and Physical Science a similar series is formed by the works, alike in their alphabetical arrangement, of HARRIS, EPHRAIM CHAMBERS, (the progenitor of the great French *Encyclopedie*,) ABERNETHY, Dr. GREGORY, Dr. JOHN MASON GOOD, Prof. NICHOL, and others. It is worthy of remark that the first attempt to reunite in one work the diverging branches of human knowledge in more recent times, was made in the second edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, published at Edinburgh in 10 volumes, 4to, in 1778-83, which may help to account for the well-maintained popularity its consecutive editions have continued to enjoy. The success of this experiment being apparent, Encyclopedias—as we now understand the word—multiplied in England, France and Germany in a rapid ratio, every ten years at least bringing forth its project, and bequeathing to the following decades those ponderous monuments of industry and research still found in our older public and private libraries. The commercial history of these great works would be curious and instructive, could it be recovered. It appears at the first view extraordinary that such immense outlays of capital and labor as they require should have been generally sunk in a single edition, which the lapse of a few years must render obsolete, without any attempt being made to renew their youth and authenticity by successive alterations, supplements, &c. It must be remembered, however, that until the process of stereotyping became more in use, and better understood, there was no method by which this resuscitation could be effected. The works were far too large to keep standing in type, or to set up a second time, and the hopes of the publishers and proprietors were thus usually limited to a single impression. Encyclopedias may be roughly divided into two classes: The Analytical, or those where each science, art, &c., is described in its component parts under the separate titles of its principal subjects in strictly alphabetical order; and the Synoptical, where kindred treatises are allotted to each important branch of knowledge, the whole forming complete treatises mutually related, in the natural order, instead of dispersing them somewhat arbitrarily throughout the work. Familiar types of the first method of treatment are Dr. REES' great "Cyclopædia," in 45 volumes, which is even yet the most copious English work of reference, though commenced in 1803 and finished in 1819. "The Penny Cyclopædia, of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge," 30 volumes. The French "Encyclopedie des Gens du Monde," 44 volumes, the German "Conversations Lexicon," of BROCKHAUS, and its American reproduction, "The Encyclopedia Americana," edited by Dr. LIEBER. The second is exemplified in the French "Encyclopedie Methodique, par ordre des Matieres," in 166 volumes, 4to, the "Encyclopedia Metropolitana," the plan of which was drawn up by COLERIDGE, and the "Encyclopædia Britannica." This latter work shows the imperfections of the method and its disadvantages for a work of popular utility. It has been conducted on what may be called, by theatrical analogy, "*The Starring System*." By securing many of the greatest names in cotemporary science and literature for prominent treatises, the reputation of the work is established, though, as a whole, the articles of miscellaneous information are inferior in their standard to those of any book of equal pretensions.

We are, not specially acquainted with the circumstances which induced the Editors to undertake the adventure of a "New American Cyclopædia." Unquestionably, they must have felt, as we all do, daily, the urgent need of a Book of Reference, proffering what it most behooves us to know, yet what is impossible to find in works that only show where the hands of the great clock of time pointed twenty years back. They must have noticed how History was making all around us at the accelerated speed of the nineteenth century. History, of all others the most momentuous, as essential to the comprehension of the great questions of the hour, yet failing to teach its lessons for want of a proper record. It must have been apparent to them how the quickened pulses that shoot along every vein of national and individual life—the achievements of discoveries in the limitless realms of science,—the rapid advances to a more thorough knowledge of our own earth—all cry aloud for a chronicle where each scattered fact shall be marshaled in its order and placed in due connection with the past. Being men of action, unappalled by the vastness of the responsibility, they took measures to endow their ideal with form and shape, and the work, how happily concluded, is the result.

Of the two gentlemen to whom it is due (Mr. GEO. RIPLEY and Mr. CHAS. A. DANA) we would not wrong their modesty by insisting on their peculiar qualifications for the task. Suffice it to say, what is generally known, that they are emphatically (in the phrase of the day) "*live men*," not recluse students; men of business, as well as of letters, men engaged in the front of "the Battle of Life" always waging around us, in a close relation with all the elements of the social and political world. Of necessity, from their position, exemplifying the promptness, energy and executive ability, that give the best earnest of success to great undertakings; accustomed by long standing ties to mutual cooperation, and favorably known to the Public by works attesting the possession of refined culture, and the higher literary sympathies. Such men were necessary to unite, for the best interest of their enterprise, such a band of contributors as it exhibits. They can now look back with complacency on their finished labor; but we fancy, had they been aware beforehand of the arduous path which led to it, how severe was the task and unceasing the watchfulness necessary to evolve order from chaos, "to stir, to soothe, to elevate" and to harmonize the essays of their mighty band of collaborateurs—the Cyclopædia might never have seen the light.

The editors were so fortunate as to meet with gentlemen responsible for the business arrangements of the work, capable of enlarged views, and with sufficient confidence in their own judgment to sustain them in the immense outlay essential to its production, amounting to nearly half a million of dollars. Liberality of this order is rare in any country, and still more remarkable at the present season, when the most sanguine find it difficult to repress doubts, and the timid look with distrust on the immediate future, involving no less a stake than the restoration and continuance of our political fabric. Already connected with important national works, (as the "Debates of Congress," &c.,) Messrs. APPLETON & Co. have indissolubly linked their names with the progress of the age, by the generous expenditure, employed in producing one of its great landmarks.

The objects of the editors, as briefly expressed by themselves, were "to furnish a condensed exhibition of the present state of human knowledge on the most important subjects of inquiry, to give an accurate and impartial account of the development of opinion in the exercise of thought, of the results of physical research, of the prominent events in the history of the world, of the most significant productions of literature and art, and of the celebrated individuals whose names have become associated with the conspicuous phenomena of their age."

Furnished to this end—with all the aid that the past could supply, the Editors soon discovered that though at the first glance it might be supposed much of their labor could be abridged by the mere selection from existing materials, such a source was unavailable. So great was found to be the perpetuation of error by the reiterated copying and recopying indulged in by the most famous Cyclopedias, that it was clear the only certainty of correctness was insured by the thorough recasting of the whole, so that each sentence should bear the stamp of originality. By this means, too, obsolete matter was more surely detected and omitted, so that space was gained for introduction of later discoveries. Few are aware, unless they have had occasion for examination, how long it takes for current information to find its way into Books of reference. As an instance, we may note, that the immense mass of novel and valuable intelligence on Economic and Industrial pursuits, brought out by the great Industrial Exhibitions of London in 1851, and Paris in 1855, is yet virtually ignored by the English Encyclopedias, and there is scarcely a department of science or literature in which the same backwardness is not conspicuous.

Of the arrangement most appropriate for a ready reference book there could be no doubt. The practical inconvenience experienced by the consulter of a cyclopædia, by finding a number of small books each on its distinct subject, within one large one, to make use of which he must know beforehand the meaning of the word he is seeking for, is obvious. A simple alphabetical order is accordingly preferred for the titles or articles, amounting to about twenty-seven thousand in a number, commencing a nomenclature of names and subjects unusually copious, and remaining the practical utility of the class, both from approximation to perfection in Gazetteers, the usual dictionaries, or lexicons of BROCKHAUS and PIERER, rather than the more cumbrous English and Scotch Encyclopedias. If at any future time, a scientific classification of the articles, showing how they might be read in a connected series was given, it would combine the advantages of both methods, and leave nothing to be desired.

The character of the materials in the hands of the editors may be judged from the list of the principal contributors given at the end of the eighteenth volume. It comprises a formidable bead roll of three hundred and seventy-seven names. We say advisedly "formidable," for when Mr. EVERETT discourses on the career of "Gen. WASHINGTON," and "DANIEL WEBSTER;" when Prof. JAMES D. DANA lectures to us on "Crystallography;" Prof. WHITNEY on "Sanscrit Literature;" Judge C. P. DALY on the "Naturalization Laws;" Prof. A. DECANDOLLE on "The Tides;" Mr. E. G. SQUIER on "Central America;" Prof. JOSEPH HENRY on "Electro-Magnetism;" Prof. HALL on "Palæontology;" Prof. THEODORE LUD PARSONS on "Law;" WILLIAM H. SEWARD on "DE WITT CLINTON;" or Prof. J. RUSSELL LOWELL on "DANTE," we feel instinctively that the right man is in the right place, and he must be bold who dare gainsay them, or dispute their authority on subjects they are known to have mastered, extending the previous limits of knowledge by their individual researches and discoveries. The same principle has been generally followed, to seek out the men whose voice is potential in each specialty, and to secure its utterances for the *Cyclopædia* at any cost. In this way the list referred to will be found to contain the names of most living American notorieties in science and literature, names whose indorsement stamps value wherever it appears, as well as some of equal claims, recently removed from us by death, even in the short space of time that has elapsed since the commencement of the work, and whose last writings will be found in it, as President C. C. FELTON, Dr. JOHN W. FRANCIS, Prof. GEO. BUSH, H. W. HERBERT, Dr. CHARLES KRAITSIR, Prof. JAS. RENWICK, and others.

It follows, of course, that a large proportion of articles, either singly or grouped in their natural order, form perfect monographs of the subjects they treat on, and raise the *Cyclopædia* to the rank of an original authority. The unrivaled series of modern biographies, (American and English,) by HILLARD, TUCKERMAN, EMERSON, President KING, GEORGE TICKNOR, ALEXANDER and EDWARD EVERETT, Judge KENT, OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES and others, have the undeniable charm arising from the familiarity of the writers with their subjects, which personal intercourse along could give. The sciences are treated with an equally firm hand. "Zoology" and "Ichthyology," under the supervision of Dr. S. KNEELAND; "Botany," directed by Rev. J. L. RUSSELL; "Agricultural Chemistry," by Prof. JOHNSON; "Naval and Maritime" subjects, by the Messrs. BLUNT; "Medicine," and its kindred sciences, by Prof. R. W. MCCLERAN and Dr. BROWN SEQUARD; "Photography," by Prof. DRAPER; and many others, that want of space prevents the enumeration of, all presenting the strongest claims to attention. On points still in dispute, as the various phases of the Christian faith, perfect impartiality is secured, by intrusting to distinguished members of each communion the discussion of its tenets, thus: "Roman Catholic Church," by Archbishop KENRICK, of Baltimore; "Christianity," by President BARNAS SEARS; "Lutheran Church," by Dr. KRAUTH; "The Reformation," by Dr. SCHAFF; "CALVIN and the Reformed Church," by Prof. HENRY B. SMITH, and others equally important, form a body of documentary information perhaps never equaled in any single work.

When all subjects are treated with equal thoroughness, a further list of names and authors would convey little additional information. There is one point, however, on which we cannot refrain from enlarging, and that is the value of the *New American Cyclopædia* to every American citizen who desires to be acquainted with the history, growth and progress, statistics, laws and institutions of his country. On no subject is trustworthy information so difficult to procure; whole libraries may be searched in vain for the settlement of disputed questions. It lies scattered through unwieldly masses of Congressional documents, census returns, State histories, proceedings of historical societies, &c., that no private person could procure, even were time and labor ready to be devoted to the pursuit. Our only history of the United States, above a school-book, (HILDRETH's,) is now some fifteen years old, and the immense field necessary to be surveyed, if justice is done to cotemporary history, seems to deter any successor from the attempt. In the *New Cyclopædia* the reader will find a digest of his country's annals, and the lives of the leading actors in these stirring scenes, deduced from every accessible source, whether public or private, condensed and presented in the simplest form, but surpassingly rich in details nowhere else to be procured, and extending throughout the whole of our present struggle to Jan. 1 of the current year. It will be impossible, indeed, to write the history of the great American rebellion satisfactorily, without reference to the pages of the *New Cyclopædia*. Probably a quarter of the space occupied by the entire work, is devoted to matters relating to this Continent, or presenting special ground of interest to the American; a very large portion of it is derived from personal communications, as the accounts of living statesmen, generals, authors, artists, &c., and has never appeared in print before.

It is the peculiar glory of America to have recognized the importance of popular instruction to the life and well-being of the State. How far it is the duty of every one to place within reach of his family and of all those to whom he stands in a position of authority, the best and most accurate sources of knowledge, we will not discuss, because, whether considered as a moral obligation or not, its fulfillment is generally regarded as a *pleasure* and a *privilege*. In no other country is the thirst for knowledge so widely diffused or so universally felt. Not alone from the upper stories of crowded city streets does the lamp of the student pierce the midnight air. In lone forest lodges inhabited by the hardy pioneers of civilization,—in wide western prairies, in the camp of the soldier, in the hut of the gold digger, it also glimmers fitfully, showing how the great truth that "knowledge is power" has entered into their inmost souls, and testifying to their earnestness in its pursuit. In the scarcity of great public collections of books, and the impossibility of rendering them available to a population scattered like ours, even did they exist, the incalculable value of a work like the *New American Cyclopædia* is manifest, and its originators will rank deservedly high among the truest benefactors to their country.

In this brief notice, the language of exposition rather than of eulogy, has seemed more appropriate, partly because commendation of the labors of men like those we have named might seem [illegible] and also because the judgment of the public needs no confirmation. A few words may be ventured, however, on the points wherein the superiority, for present uses, of the work in question to all others, both relatively and absolutely, is obvious, and beyond all contestation.

I. There is no book now in the market that can in the least degree enter into competition with it. The circle of American ideas and interests thirty years ago was fairly represented by the *Encyclopædia Americana*, and to that its well-deserved popularity was due. The widened area of the present day is mirrored with equal fidelity in the new *American Encyclopædia*. The only two cyclopedias now kept in print in England, are the *Britannica* and the *English*. Both of these are arranged on the separate treatise plan, and consequently unfitted for ready consultation, to say nothing of their immense deficiencies in all that relates to American Men and Things.

II. Its contents are more homogeneous and form a more consistent whole, than in proportion as its execution has been more rapid, than that of any similar undertaking. Slow and long-delayed progress has been the bane of most bulky encyclopedias. The *Metropolitana*, commenced under the finest auspices, dragged on for *twenty-eight years*, and was then left unfinished. The *Penny Cyclopædia* occupied twelve years in publication, and was very much hurried and curtailed in the later portion. The mere release of the *Britannica* was ten years in passing through the Press, while, owing to the energy and tact of the managers, less than five years has sufficed for the completion of the new *American Cyclopædia*.

III. Finally, it is a work written by Americans for Americans. It proffers then the knowledge they most require, selected and arranged by those who are competent to the task, because they themselves had experienced the want they now endeavor to supply. It is minute on points of general interest, and condensed in those of more partial application. Its information is the latest extant, and in advance of any other book of reference in the world. The best talent the country afforded have been engaged in its production. The skill and enterprise of the merchant has been combined with the intelligence of the scholar in elaborating and carrying forward to a successful issue, a work that must be regarded in every sense, an honor to the nation where it originated, and to the people who have so nobly sustained it.

Sergt. Silas F. Hearing.

We have already noticed the death of SILAS F. HEARING, of the Anderson Cavalry, in the battle of Murfreesboro. The following resolutions, in regard to his death, were adopted by the members of his Company:

HEADQUARTERS ANDERSON CAVALRY, CAMP NELSON, NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1863.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His Divine wisdom, to remove from our midst our much beloved fellow-member, Sergt. SILAS F. HEARING, and his loss being deeply felt by us his comrades, in his associations with us, as a brave and fearless soldier and a genial companion, by which he so endeared himself to all, and it being our desire to furnish to his bereaved family and numerous friends, some tangible evidence of the genuine sorrow we feel at his sudden, though gallant death, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the surviving men of Company L, Anderson cavalry, while we humbly submit to the dispensation of Providence, so ordering it, do deeply deplore the untimely fate of Sergeant SILAS F. HEARING, killed at the battle of Stones River, near Murfreesboro, Tenn., on the 30th of December, 1862, nobly leading in the thickest of the conflict, and that we do most sincerely sympathize with his family in this their great bereavement, trusting that this expression of feeling toward him on our part, may prove acceptable to them, and slightly, though inadequately, bear the void in our social relations created by his sudden death is felt by us.

Resolved, That the statement of the action of those composing Company L, herein expressed, be furnished to his family, and that a copy of the same be sent the Press of Philadelphia for publication.

James B. Curtis, Lieutenant Commanding Co. L; R. A. Henderson, Second Lieutenant Commanding Co. L; Henry McAllister, Jr., First Sergeant; Harry C. Polk, Corporal; W. G. Stewart, Surgeon in charge; Samuel Phillips, Commissary Sergeant, Co. L; Oliver Beattie, Clerk; R. Middleton, Jr., Third Sergeant, and others.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

HOW IT WAS CELEBRATED

What will be Done To-Day and To-Night.

The storm came just in time to add its blustering hurrah to the more quiet and reverential observance of the birthday of the remarkable man who, sixty years ago, stood first in war, in peace and in the hearts of his countrymen, and whose memory to-day ranks side by side with that of the great captains, benefactors and rulers of the world.

In various ways, consistent with the sanctity of the day, various religious organizations gave thanks for the benedictal example left by the "Father of his Country," for the guidance of the youth and other citizens of the Republic.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Cox spoke eloquently and patriotically, at the rooms of the New-England Relief Association, and made the heart of many a listener thrill with country-love, and burn with holiest desire for the prosperity and successful issue of the nation.

Rev. NEWTON HASTON, at the State-street Congregational Church, demonstrated the fact that "WASHINGTON was the American Joshua."

Rev. FRANK STARRS preached a sermon before the New-York Young Men's Christian Association on "Christian Manhood," for abundant illustrations of which he referred them to the life of the great hero. Captain who fought naked in the battles of his time with a pure heart, a clear head and a strong hand.

Rev. L. J. FINGERS delivered, at the Fourth Universalist Church, a sermon appropriate to the day, entitled, "WASHINGTON, the Christian Patriot," and other ministers, of various denominations, devoted it a fitting hour in which to inculcate the doctrines of truth, honor and patriotism, as being eminently the delicacies of our day, as they were undoubtedly leading characteristics of him in whose honor the national flag was flung out from every mast-head and from every dome.

The storm-king's fiercest blast and drifting storm could not prevent the assemblage of a goodly company at Concert Institute, yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the celebration of the 126th Anniversary of WASHINGTON's birthday by the

ORDER OF UNITED AMERICANS.

A large volunteer choice, from the New-York Harmonic Society, was present, and, under the direction of J. C. DAVEY, Esq., agreeably interspersed the exercises with patriotic airs, M. CARNEMERES, Esq., President of the Society, presiding at the organ. The exercises were commenced by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, MARCELLUS E. MOUNTFORT.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. SCHENCK, and the singing of "Our Country's Flag" by the choir, the Chairman introduced Rev. SIDNEY A. COZZY, who delivered the address of the day.

To-day

THE OFFICIAL CELEBRATION

will take place. That is, it is advertised, and so far as the snow-drifts will permit, we presume the advertisement will be verified. A huge Committee, embracing ten of our City Officials, have been authorized to expend in gunpowder, dainties and fancy pyrotechnics; the modest sum of $5,000, and the strong probabilities are that the money will be spent.

First of all, at sunrise, a salute of 100 guns will be fired by sundry guns planted in Madison Square. After which Mr. JAMES E. ATLEYE, the celebrated chimer, will ring out from the tower of Old Trinity the following programme:

No. 1.—Ringing the changes on eight bells.
No. 2.—Hail Columbia.
No. 3.—Yankee Doodle.
No. 4.—Home, Sweet Home.
No. 5.—Blue Bells of Scotland.
No. 6.—Rondo, with variations, on major and minor keys, composed by Geo. F. BANKS.
No. 7.—Star Spangled Banner.
No. 8.—Airs from Child of the Regiment.
No. 9.—Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean.

No. 11.—[illegible] Hole.
No. 12.—Yankee Doodle.
No. 13.—Old Hay Tent.
No. 14.—Hail Columbia.
No. 15.—Old Dominion.

Though no division or brigade orders have been issued by any of our militia commanders, the military display, if carried out as originally designed, will be quite a feature of the day, as several of our most popular regiments, viz.: the Seventh, Twenty-second, Eighth and Eleventh, have independently announced their intention to celebrate the day by a parade. Though wet streets, they will, no doubt, make a good appearance, though it is to be regretted that no General officer has been detailed to command the parade, which would add considerably to its uniformity. The Veteran Corps of 1812 will, of course, turn out.

We regret to see that the Fifth Regiment, which is quite as efficient in drill as any of our older organizations, will not parade. It is stated that the Common Council has not yet paid for their music at Gen. KEARNY's funeral. Hence the unwillingness of the men to again pay for the luxury of a band out of their own pockets. But drummers and buglers would do just as well, if not better, than a band of music. We hope the Fifth will rescind its resolution and show us how they look in their new uniforms.

A stand of regimental colors will be presented to the Eighth Regiment National Guard, by his Honor the Mayor, in the presence of the Common Council, in front of the City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The Eleventh and Seventy-first Regiments National Guards, will be reviewed by his Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council, in front of the City Hall, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

A GRAND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS

will be made at 7 o'clock P. M., in front of the City Hall, and at Union Square.

The exhibition in the Park will represent a colossal equestrian statue of Gen. WASHINGTON, seated on his famous charger, with chapeau in his right hand, extended forward, bidding adieu to the army; with the motto "*Dum spiro, spero*," executed in a segment of a circle overhead—on the base, the words, "The Union must and shall be preserved." The sides of the statue are represented by the mammoth figures of "Liberty and Justice." The whole pageant, covering an area of over 10,000 feet, is surrounded by 34 stars of the Union. It will end, with a gorgeous and soul-stirring display of colored fires, shells, flights of rockets, bengales and colored batteries. Previous to the firing of the above piece, the sky will be for one hour continually illuminated with rockets, shells and colored fires.

At Union-square, there will be a temple with the standing figure of WASHINGTON, sword by his side and his right hand extended and pointing forward; above him and inside the Temple soars an eagle; under all is the motto "Union Forever." The remainder of the display will be similar to the one in the Park, commencing and ending alike with colored fires, shells, batteries, rockets, &c.

After all this will be the

CIVIC BANQUET

at the St. Nicholas Hotel. To this none but the titled and the local great will be admitted, and of course must be content with the reporter's account of the boned turkey, the fruits *glacé*, the gastronomic whatd'ye-call-ems and the soul-stirring responses in patriotic toasts.

The Produce Exchange has set the good example of announcing its non-opening for the day, and we hope other like institutions will follow it.

Every ship-master, hotel proprietor, official or other man who has a flag and a flag-staff, should unfurl the banner of his country to-day, and make the City glorious by the resplendent display of the Stars and Stripes.

BANQUET AT THE ASTOR HOUSE.

The Northwoods Walton Club will give a banquet at the Astor House to-night.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY IN JERSEY CITY.

WASHINGTON'S Birthday will be duly observed in Jersey City to-day by the closing of the public offices, banks and public schools.

In the evening, Rev. A. A. WILLITS will deliver his lecture, "The Sword of Washington," at the Third Reformed Dutch Church, in aid of the families of volunteers.

The Jersey City Saengerbund will give a fancy dress and masquerade ball at Cooper Hall.

The Snow.

The storm which began yesterday morning in the most severe of any this Winter. The depth of snow on a level is variously estimated, at from three inches to twelve inches, but the fact is, there is none of it on a level; it all on one side of the street or the other, being drifted by the strong wind which accompanied it.

The street railways were largely experienced early in the day, and were obliged to put on a heavy force of snow-plows, horses and workmen to open up sufficiently to permit even of hourly trips. The ferries were troubled but little, and made their time regularly and with ease. Pedestrians suffered vastly. For ladies it was nearly a physical impossibility to get out, consequently the churches had slim audiences, and the collections were a mere nothing.

At the hour of writing we have no details from the harbor or outside; but the fearful blasts that whistled keen through every street, and made the river as a channel of ice-breaks, must have caused and havoc upon the water, and threatened the safety of, if it did not totally destroy very many coast-hugging craft and freezing sailors.

Shovels will be at work to-day. The sun will follow with heating in his beams, and for another fortnight we will flounder through slush and mud, sneezing at HAGERTY, and bemoaning the fate of the Army of the Potomac.

Sunday on the National Pearl.

In accordance with previous announcements, an "oration" was spoken in the large Hall of Cooper Institute, on Saturday evening, on the "State of the Union," by Mr. G. H. SPRAGUE, of the U. S. Circuit Court, for the Northern District of Illinois. Admittance 25 cents. Mr. SPRAGUE, however, did not meet with all the encouragement anticipated by his syllabus and he condensed accordingly. The hall was illuminated as promised, which rendered the counting of the audience an easier task for the reporters than it might otherwise have been. At the commencement of the "oration," the hall contained the following: Audience, 29; reporters, 4; ticket takers, 4; attendants on hall, 2; Captains of Police, 1; Sergeants of Police, 1; roundsmen, 1; patrolmen, 24. Mr. SPRAGUE thanked his audience for attending, and then proceeded to deliver his oration. He considered the nation in a troublous state, and going rapidly to ruin. We had already sacrificed many valuable lives and a vast sum of money, and all we had obtained were promises to put down the rebellion. It was time we had taken some decisive step, but it required more men to hold down those who were wrong. We required a change or we must go down. The Constitution must be preserved at all hazards, and Mr. LINCOLN should resign and Gen. BURNSIDE be put in his place.

Preliminary Examination as Bar to the Action of the Grand Jury.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Hon. Judge T. Recorder, Gardner, Recorder.

The People vs. *Peter Hofferman*.—This was a motion to quash the indictment on the ground that it was found and presented by the Grand Jury pending an examination before a Police Magistrate. After argument the Recorder rendered the following decision:

In the case of the People vs. Horton, 4th Parker, 252, the Superior Court of Buffalo held that a motion to quash an indictment on the ground that it was found when an examination was pending before a magistrate was frivolous.

In the case of the People vs. Hyler, 24 Parker, 446, Judge CONOVER, adopting the language of Judge Roosevelt, H. Mason, says: "It cannot be denied that the Grand Jury have full power to make inquiry and present by indictment all persons charged with crime, and that too whether such persons are, or are not under arrest and examination before any magistrate of the county."

It is not claimed by the defendant's counsel that the Legislature has ever by express enactment restricted action by the Grand Jury pending an examination before a magistrate, but it is insisted that the statute providing for such examination contains an implied prohibition. I am unable so to understand those statutes, and do not believe that the Legislature, if it had intended so material a thing, to interfere with the well established jurisdiction and powers of Grand Juries, would have failed to express such intention in unmistakable language.

As a general rule of practice it is, as I have often had occasion to say, better to have an investigation before a Magistrate in the first instance, and not to indict while such examination is pending. But cases may often arise where this rule might, with propriety, be departed from. The Grand Jury, acting under the obligation of their oaths, must determine as cases are presented, whether they will or will not act upon them prior to an examination before a Magistrate and while such examination is pending.

If it were otherwise, it is plain to see that justice might be often delayed, if not entirely defeated.

I am not informed what reason influenced the Grand Jury in acting upon this case, while the examination in the Police Court was incomplete. It is enough for me to know that it is acting they did not exceed their powers, and I have a right to assume that they did not abuse their discretion.

Defendant's Counsel has referred me to the case of DEWEY, where it is claimed that Judge ROSEVELT quashed the indictment on the ground that it was found pending an examination. I cannot find that any opinion of the learned Judge was even filed, or that the records show that any such decision was made.

I have also been referred to the case of GARD and WILKES, decided in this Court when JOHN B. SCOTT was Recorder. It is well known that that was the decision of the two lay members of the Court, as it was then constituted, and that the Recorder did not concur. It has never been considered an authority.

Another consideration in this case is conclusive. Defendant, after his arrest, had given a bond to appear and answer to any indictment which might be found against him. That being done, it was by law the duty of the magistrate to return the bond, with all other papers, to the Clerk of this Court within ten days. It is not sufficient to say that the bond was given (as is said to be the common practice) as a matter of convenience, with the understanding that the examination was to proceed as if no bond had been given. The bond once given is of itself an answer to a motion to quash on the ground that an indictment was found before the examination of the magistrate was to be concluded.

The motion must be denied.

Ex-Judge S. H. STRONG and Hon. CHARLES S. SPENCER, for the prisoner; ORSAMUS L. SEWARD, Assistant-District-Attorney, for the people.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

ALLEGED INCENDIARISM—THREE STABLES FIRED IN ONE NIGHT—THREE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.—Between 6 and 7 o'clock on Saturday evening a fire was discovered in the brick stable owned and occupied by AMBROSE J. and GEORGE OGDEN, at No. 99 Seventh-street. Two horses, valued at $300, were burned to death, and the stable was damaged to the amount of $200. About 10 o'clock the same evening a fire occurred in the basement stable No. 109 East Tenth-street, occupied by Mr. SPARROW. One horse, valued at $150, was destroyed. The flames spread to the carpenter shop of DAVIS & GREENE, situated on the floor above. Their loss is about $200. Mr. SPARROW is fully insured in the Manhattan Insurance Company. The building is of brick, owned by a Mr. BATES, and was very much damaged. Soon after 12 o'clock, the same night, a third fire occurred in the stable of JOHN GLASS, No. 148 East Twelfth-street. The flames were soon discovered and extinguished before much damage had been done to the building or contents. The most remarkable fact is, that these fires all occurred in the same vicinity, within a few hours of each other, all of them in stables, and the Police report them all to have been the work of incendiaries. Fire-Marshal BAKER will investigate the circumstances of their origin to-day.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—Coroner RANNEY held an inquest, on Saturday, upon the body of MICHAEL KERWIN, aged forty years, who was found in the water at the foot of Twenty-eighth-street, North River. The deceased left his family at No. 125½ West Twenty-seventh-street about the middle of December last, on account of some domestic difficulty, and after that time none of his friends saw him alive. It was the opinion of the Coroner, however, that the body had not been in the water over twenty-eight hours. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

THE EIGHTH WARD CLAY CLUB.—The annual supper of the Club was given on Saturday evening, in commemoration of the birthday of WASHINGTON. The Club decided, by a close vote, to continue their commemorative ball at the Apollo Rooms next year. An interesting letter was received and read from LANDON COZZENS, which characteristically pitched into the Northern and Southern traitors.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

THE RECENT MURDER IN PARK-AVENUE.—Coroner NORRIS concluded the investigation, on Saturday night, into the circumstances attending the murder of MRS. CECELIA MCLAUGHLIN, who was found dead in her room in Park-avenue, near Canton-street, on Friday morning. A number of witnesses were examined, but nothing was elicited to fasten the guilt directly upon any one, although all the attending circumstances would seem to indicate that either the husband, THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN, or the daughter, MARY ANN, or both, had a hand in the matter. Some of the tenants in the same house testified that they heard a noise as if caused by the slamming of a door, and the falling of a heavy body; screams and a cry of murder were also heard. No one went into MCLAUGHLIN's apartments to ascertain the cause, except JAMES MCCABE, residing on the second floor, who was sent for by the daughter. The deceased was lying on the floor dead when he entered. The daughter, according to her own statement, had been on a visit to a neighbor, and on her return saw her father holding her mother's head and wiping the blood from her face. She accused him of killing her, when he cleared her out of the room. The noise thus made and her screams, it is thought, were what attracted the attention of the other occupants. The father also made a statement, without oath, in which he said that he had bought two pints of brandy on Thursday, and after disposing of it pulled off his boots and went to bed. His son FRANK woke him about 5 o'clock P. M., and told him that mother was lying dead on the floor. He got up, and lifting up her head wiped the blood from her face. His daughter then came in and accused him of the killing, but he denies having driven her out of the room. He knew nothing whatever of the cause of his wife's death. The son, FRANK, was likewise examined. He stated that he returned from play on Thursday evening, and found his mother lying dead upon the floor. The stove was tipped over, and the edge lying on her head. The stove-pipe had fallen down. He woke his father and informed him of what had occurred. It appears that the elder members of the family were in the habit of drinking to excess. They had frequent quarrels; and MCLAUGHLIN acknowledged the he had beaten his wife previous to this time. The physician's testimony showed that the right side of her skull was fractured, her left ear torn off, and that she had more than a dozen cuts and bruises about her head, face and upper part of the body. The jury were, however, unwilling, with the testimony before them, to render a hasty verdict, and, therefore, requested the Coroner to allow them till Tuesday before making their decision, which was granted. MCLAUGHLIN and his daughter are meanwhile detained to await the result. MCLAUGHLIN is formerly a policeman of the First Precinct, and had the reputation of being a good officer until he commenced drinking rum, for which offence he was dismissed.

DID HIS DUTY.—WILLIAM SMELLER was tried in the Kings County Court of Sessions, on Saturday, on an indictment for manslaughter in the second degree, on the charge of killing PHILIP CARNEGAN, by striking him on the head with a stone on the 19th day of September last. The deceased stopped on the corner of Smith and Johnson streets, Eastern District to talk with some young ladies. After bidding them good-night, he was attacked by the prisoner, and a number of others. Deceased ran into the street, was called to his father, who, in coming to his aid, was knocked down. The prisoner, he alleged, picked up a stone and with one blow dashed out his brains, fracturing his skull, from the effects of which he died two days after wards. The defence proved that deceased was approaching Smeller with an upraised knife, when he struck him with a stone in self-defence. The case was given to the jury, who, after an absence of several hours, were unable to agree upon a verdict, and were discharged.

ARRAIGN OF A TEACHER.—A Mrs. BLAKE, of Greenpoint, was taken before Justice COLAHAN, on Saturday, charged with committing an assault and battery on Miss F. E. COLEY, teacher in the Primary Department of the Public School at Greenpoint. Accused pleaded guilty, but justified herself on the ground that the teacher had chastised her son, a young boy, severely and unjustly. It appears that Mrs. BLAKE attacked Miss COLEY as the latter was leaving a

lb. 6 each; of curiosities, &c. Males 60; children 42. Under one year of age 24.

NEW-JERSEY.

HUDSON COUNTY COURT.—In the Hudson County Court on Saturday, in the case of Amasa Stacy, tried for public obstructions on the New-Jersey Railroad, the jury were unable to agree. This being the second trial Stacy has been tried on the same indictment, Judge Ogden discharged him.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Nos. adjourned under No. 22.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Part I.—Nos. 1077, 1275, 1343, 1379, 1389, 1391, 1397, 1413, 1417, 1421, 1427, 1432, 73, 611, 1430, 1049, 1452, 1167. Part II.—Nos. 1323, 1460, 1466, 1490, 1492, 1500, 1534, 1550, 1554, 1558, 1562, 1566, 1570, 664, 576, 1316, 1325, 1576, 1580, 1582, 181.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Issues of law and fact—Nos. 69, 215, 295, 43, 45.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Adjourned to Tuesday next.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....FEB. 21, 1863.

$6,000 U. S. 6s, '67, Reg.	98	10 N.Y. Cen. R.	113⅝
1,000 U. S. 6s, '67, Reg.	98	200 do	113⅝
$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	97⅞	400 Erie Railway	60
10,000 do	97⅞	200 do	59⅞
5,000 do	97⅞	100 do	59⅞
$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup.	98⅞	100 do	59⅞
10,000 do	98⅞	200 do	59⅞
10,000 do	98⅞	200 do	59⅞
$10,000 U. S. 5s, '71, Coup.	95	100 do	59⅞
$5,000 Treas. 7.3-10 p. ct.	103	100 Erie R. Pref.	81⅞
1,000 Mo. 6s, Long	75	200 do	81⅞
10,000 Cal. 7s	101⅞	100 Harlem R.	30
2,000 Reg. State 6s	100	50 do	30
1,000 Brook. C. 7s	100	200 do	30
$10,000 Mil. & M. R. 1st	111⅞	100 do	30
2,000 Erie 6th M. Bds.	105	50 Chic. & R. I. R.	93⅞
$7,000 E.N.Y. & E. RR.	90	50 do	93⅞
10,000 A. L. & T. H. 2d m.	90	100 do	93⅞
$2,000 Hud. R. RR. 7	102⅞	100 do	93⅞
1,000 Mich. S. & N. I.	82	50 Ill. Cen. R. Scrip	82⅞
2,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	90	50 do	82⅞
1,000 do	90	100 do	82⅞
2,000 Clev. & Pitt. R.	77⅞	100 do	82⅞
10,000 Tol. & W. 2d M.	94⅞	100 do	82⅞
10,000 Chi. & N.W. 2d m.	92⅞	100 do	82⅞
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5,000 Clev. & P. 4th m.	103⅞	40 do	82⅞
20 Bank of N. Y.	211	15 Chev. Col. & Cin. R.	100
20 Merchants' Bank	100	100 Gal. & Chi. R.	93⅞
5 Bank of Commerce	97	100 do	93⅞
25 Bank of the Rep.	100	100 do	93⅞
50 Bank of Metropolis	100	100 do	93⅞
1,000 Amer. Gold	152⅞	100 Clev. & Pitt. R.	78
200 do	152⅞	100 do	78
10,000 do	152⅞	100 do	78
5,000 do	152⅞	100 do	78
25,000 do	152⅞	100 do	78
15,000 do	152⅞	100 do	78
10,000 do	152⅞	100 do	78
10,000 do	152⅞	100 do	78
15,000 do	152⅞	100 Clev. & Tol. R.	95⅞
10,000 do	152⅞	100 do	95⅞
200 Pacific Mail	162⅞	100 Clev. & Tol. R.	95⅞
200 do	162	200 do	95⅞
10 do	162⅞	850 Chic. & R. I. R.	93⅞
100 do	162⅞	100 do	93⅞
100 N. Y. Cen. R.	113⅞	400 Mil. & P. Du C. R.	39⅞
200 do	113⅞	20 Gale Received M. Coll	97
400 Erie Railway	59⅞	100 Pit. Ft. W. & C. R.	65⅞
100 do	59⅞	100 do	65

SECOND BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	99	200 Reme. C. L. & Coal	18⅞
5,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup.	99	50 N. Y. Cen. R.	113⅞
1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup.	99	50 do	113⅞
$2,000 Treas. 7.3-10 p. ct.	103	50 do	113⅞
Seven Gen. Loan	104	100 do	113⅞
1,000 Mo. 6s, Long	75	100 do	113⅞
10,000 Cal. 7s	101⅞	100 do	113⅞
2,000 Reg. State 6s	100	100 do	113⅞
1,000 Brook. C. 7s	100	200 do	113⅞
$5,000 Mil. & M. R. 1st	111⅞	100 Hamm. Railroad	100
2,000 Erie 6th M. Bds.	105	50 Chic. & R. I. R.	93⅞
27,000 E.N.Y. & E. RR.	90	50 do	93⅞
10,000 A. L. & T. H. 2d m.	90	100 do	93⅞
2,000 Hud. R. RR. 7	102⅞	50 Ill. Cen. R. Scrip	82⅞
2,000 Mich. S. & N. I.	82	50 do	82⅞
1,000 do	82	100 do	82⅞
2,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	90	100 do	82⅞
2,000 Clev. & Pitt. R.	77⅞	100 Clev. & Pitt. R.	77⅞
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BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup.	99	100 Erie R.	60
1,000 Treas. 7.3-10 p. ct.	103	100 do	60
10,000 Mo. 6s, Long	75	100 do	60
$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	98	100 do	60
21,000 American Gold	152⅞	100 Erie Railway Pref.	81⅞
40,000 do	152⅞	100 do	81⅞
40,000 do	152⅞	100 Hudson River R.	67⅞
100 Cumber. Coal Prf.	20	100 Clev. & Pitt. R.	78
50 Pac. M. S. Co.	162⅞	100 do	78
50 do	162⅞	100 do	78
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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, FEB. 23, 1863.

Amusements This Evening.

WINTER GARDEN—Othello.

laura keene's theater—The Fair One with Green Eyes—Loving Spoken.

WALLACK'S—Henriette.

BUELOW'S GARDEN—Savarina; or, the Tower of Love.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—The Entrance or Beauty—Concerts—Entertainment, &c., at all hours. Egypt; or, the Wreck of Life.

NEW HALL OF ART, No. 659 Broadway—Barvard's Panorama of the Mississippi and the War.

COOPER'S GALLERY—(No. 175 Broadway.)—Weir's Picture, "Taking the Veil."

GERMAN OPERA—(No. 404 Broadway)—Maggie Pepto.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We receive the important rumor by way of Richmond, from which place we have advices to the 20th inst., that Gen. Rosecrans' army is advancing. Cannonading was said to have been heard in front on Wednesday last, and there was also artillery firing in the direction of Beech Grove, in Coffee County, southeast of Murfreesboro.

The fact that a large number of ambulances were shipped from Cincinnati on Feb. 16, with orders that they should be at Nashville on the 20th, is taken as indicative of an early engagement.

A rumor has prevailed in Washington for a day or two that Gen. Banks has advanced against Port Hudson, and suffered a repulse there. The War Department, however, denies having received any such information, and the character of the latest advices from New-Orleans, to the 12th inst., prove conclusively that the story is simply a rebel rumor.

We have private advices, confirming, to some extent, the rumors of trouble in Gen. Banks' command, growing out of the introduction of negro troops. Four or five officers of the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment of New-York Volunteers have resigned, and one Brigadier-General has flatly refused to recognize the colored troops, or to march with them.

Between 200 and 300 exchanged Union prisoners were brought down from City Point to Fortress Monroe, on Friday evening, and came on to Annapolis. On Saturday eighty or ninety of the crew of the gunboat *Isaac Smith*, captured in Stono River, South Carolina, also came down, together with nineteen officers, being the remainder of those captured previous to the issuing of Jeff. Davis' Retaliation Proclamation.

A dispatch, dated Feb. 17, states that the success of Gen. Grant's new cut-off in the rear of Vicksburgh is now the talk in military circles. Within a fortnight gunboats and transports will pass through the new channel, completely circumventing Vicksburgh. Contrabands are seized wherever found, and pressed into service to cut trees, dig up stumps and clear out obstructions. About 3,400 are already at work. Gen. Grant's plan evidently is to surround the enemy by gunboats to prevent retreat, and then to take the place by regular siege operations, and not by a bold dash upon their batteries.

The Washington *Republican* states that a command has at last been definitely arranged for Gen. Butler, and adds, that there is no more important field of operations on the Continent than the one which will be embraced within the new Department about to be given him.

Scouts report that Col. Fitz Hugh Lee is at Culpepper Court-house with 2,000 cavalry. His pickets are thrown out nine miles to Hazle River, on the Road to Warrenton and to Rappahannock River, on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. No rebel force of any kind is now north of those two points, except White's former guerrillas, in the Shenandoah Valley and near Leesburgh.

There is no such vessel as the *Annie Bonsall*, which the Richmond *Dispatch* reports as having been sunk by the pirate *Florida*.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate on Saturday, the bill to amend the act to establish and equalize the grade of line officers in the navy was passed. The bill to divide the State of Michigan into two Judicial Districts was passed. The credentials of Hon. S. M. Morrill, re-elected from Maine, were presented. A resolution offered by Mr. Powell, of Kentucky, directing an inquiry into the imprisonment of D. A. Mahoney and others, was laid over. Mr. Powell also gave notice that he should call for *an investigation regarding the dispersion of a Convention recently at Frankfort, Kentucky.* A bill to promote the health, comfort and efficiency of the army was referred to the Military Committee. The bill to grant lands to Kansas for the construction of railroads and telegraphs was passed. The bill relating to the discharge of State prisoners was then taken up, and debated at great length—Mr. Powell, of Kentucky, and Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, making the principal speeches. The matter was not disposed of when the Senate went into Executive session, and subsequently adjourned.

In the House, a Committee of Conference was asked of the Senate on the disagreements on the bill to provide ways and means to support the Government. The Post-office Reform bill was passed—72 to 56. An amendment was made providing that all soldiers in camp and hospital shall receive and transport letters free of postage. A number of amendments to the Tax bill were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means. Their consideration was postponed until Tuesday. The Senate's amendments to the Post-route bill were concurred in. The Senate bill to prevent correspondence with the rebels was passed. It was arranged that Senator Wilson's Conscription bill shall be considered to-day. The Senate bill to authorize the President to issue letters-of-marque, was then considered, and it was referred to the Naval Committee, with the privilege of reporting at any time. No other business of public interest was done.

GENERAL NEWS.

A heavy snow-storm commenced yesterday morning and continued during the day and night, extending over a great surface of country, and interfering seriously with the transmission of the mails and with telegraphing.

By the arrival of the steamship *Canada* at Halifax, we have advices from Europe one week later. She left Liverpool on the 7th, and Queenstown on the 8th inst. The insurrection in Poland is said to be spreading. A sanguinary battle had been fought at Wangrow, in which the insurgents had been defeated and the town captured by the Russians. The British Parliament was in session, and the Queen's speech had been delivered. With regard to American affairs, Her Majesty said she had abstained from taking any steps with a view to inducing a cessation of hostilities, because it had not seemed that any such overtures could be attempted with a probability of success. She, however, witnessed with the deepest concern the conflict which still raged, and witnessed with grief the distress which the war inflicted upon a portion of her subjects. It was reported by the London *Times* that certain parties in Paris had offered a loan to the rebel Government of $20 millions sterling, on the basis of cotton at 5d. per pound, with the option of exchanging for Confederate bonds at 70, bearing 6 per cent. interest, and that the offer had been partly accepted. An insurrection had broken out in Cochin China, and desperate attacks had been made on the French forces. Severe fighting had taken place, but the insurgents had been repulsed with heavy loss. The French Emperor had asked the Spanish Government to send back their troops to Cochin-China, but they had declined on the ground that they could not violate treaties. The Liverpool cotton market was dull and prices were weak. Breadstuffs were dull but steady, and provisions flat. Consols were quoted at 92¾ for money.

The celebration of Washington's Birthday by the Order of United Americans, at Cooper Institute, yesterday afternoon, was well attended in spite of the storm. The address by Rev. Sidney A. Corey was appropriate and masterly, and the singing by the Harmonic Society was duly appreciated.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held on Saturday. The subject of establishing a telegraphic line of communication between Fortress Monroe and Galveston, Texas, was embraced in a memorial, and ordered to be transmitted to Washington. A lengthy report, relative to the depredations of the *Alabama*, was received and adopted. It was also resolved to memorialize the War Department, the State Legislature and the City authorities, in reference to the better defence of New-York harbor.

Gen. Rosecrans has issued an order directing that the name Stone River be inscribed on the national colors of each regiment, and the guidon of each battery that was engaged in the recent battles before Murfreesboro. The order further states that the General Commanding is proud to know that there was not a single regiment or battery which did not, in that memorable conflict, bear a meritorious part.

The Boston *Journal* learns, through an Oregon correspondent, that $8,500 of the greenbacks, taken from the *Ariel*, was consigned to one Dunbar, of Oregon City, a cousin of Capt. Semmes, and that a large proportion of the amount was going to Jeff. Davis' sympathizers there. These same men were to have received this amount from the Government for services during a miniature war against the Indians in Washington Territory, in 1855 and 1856—a war in which 17 Indians were reported to have been killed, and for which expenses to the amount of six millions were said to have been incurred.

Two 11-inch Whitworth cannon were taken from the prize steamer *Princess Royal* on Friday. They are of superior manufacture, and will be transferred to the Navy Department.

The Court of General Sessions adjourned on Saturday until Tuesday next, the 24th inst., at 10 A. M.

The price of Gold fell off 1 ⅝ cent. on Saturday. The Share market closed steady. Government Stocks improved in both price and demand. Flour, Wheat and Corn were less active on Saturday, at regular prices. The principal kinds of Provisions and Groceries were in fair request. Linseed Oil was brisker and dearer. Tallow and Whisky were less freely purchased. Hides, Wool and Tobacco were in good demand. Cotton was depressed and declining. The freight engagements were less extensive, with 492 vessels of all classes in port.

Diplomatic Mysteries—Disclosures from Washington.—It is very pleasant to have been the means of bringing two such journals as the *World* and *Tribune* into harmony of sentiment. We have that delightful satisfaction. Both these organs are suitably and harmoniously shocked at our intimation that the country was probably on the eve of a rupture with France, and that it would be wise to make preparation for that contingency. The *World* was especially fearful that the expression of such an opinion might startle the weak nerves of "Wall-street," though its principal concern, (as was quite natural under the circumstances,) was for the "dignity of journalism." It made haste to announce that sundry Senators and other distinguished gentlemen, with Mr. Sumner at their head, had called on the French Minister to assure him by their presence that they did not approve of the course of our Government in treating him and his Imperial Master with so little respect as was shown in declining his "suggestions" concerning the management of our domestic affairs. As this statement, however, was immediately denied, the *World* fell back to its original base.

The *Tribune*, in pursuance of the same general object, takes a higher flight. It publishes, as from "an occasional correspondent," the following edifying paragraph:

Washington, Feb. 20, 1863.

Three days ago, a *secret interview* is said to have taken place at a friend's house between Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Mazzini, in which, if I am to trust my informant, questions of the greatest moment were reviewed and discussed.

Notwithstanding the mystery observed in that interview, it is reported in diplomatic circles that Mr. Lincoln *drew having had any share in the framing of the document* written in reply to Drouyn de Lhuys' proposition, further than to have expressed, in Cabinet counsel, that the time for listening to the kind suggestions of France had not yet arrived.

He was very sorry to leave that exception had been taken to the form in which the views of the Cabinet had been set forth; and *he hoped that the French Government would only notice the necessity imposed upon the Administration to refuse its proposition, without paying any attention to the manner in which that refusal had been presented.*

It is also stated that the President has recently been visited by prominent Senators and partisans, with whom he has remained closeted several hours. The greatest secrecy is observed upon the subjects discussed in their interviews, the results of which, it is said, will soon be made known. It is noteworthy that *at the same time* a certain New-York journal, hailed in diplomatic circles the "secrets Press," has become furious against the Ambassador of France and the French Government.

Statesmen who are behind the scenes assert the unchaining of the dogs of war against France is an attempt at diplomatic strategy, prompted by a *certain feeling of insecurity which has suddenly taken possession of the Secretary of State. It is his approbation* on this subject, it is said, which have led the journal referred to during the last three days to denunciations of Mr. Mazzini and declarations of war against France."

We must congratulate the "statesmen who are behind the scenes" on their perspicacity. What it is that makes Mr. Seward feel "insecure" just now, we presume, is among the mysteries that are to be disclosed by and by. That he has been "unchaining the dogs of war" against France or anybody else, is a piece of news confined thus far exclusively to the *Tribune's* "occasional correspondent." Unless we have been entirely misled as to his sentiments, he has not the faintest idea that any such animal is loose, or is likely to be unchained within the next sixty or ninety days. He repeats the assurance constantly, in public and in private, that our relations with France and England were never more amicable than at the present moment. Neither the Tribune nor the World, we take it for granted, will for an instant question the authenticity and conclusiveness of his assurances. Their habitual deference to his views on both foreign and domestic topics, forbids any such suspicion.

But the *Tribune's* report of the President's action in the premises is especially edifying. Its estimate of the dignity and sense of propriety which mark his position and conduct, must have been acquired in some novel school. The *Tribune* probably is not aware that the Secretary of State never sends a dispatch of any kind, either to our Ministers abroad or to any foreign Minister at Washington, without first reading it to the President, and taking his suggestions both as to its sentiments and the language in which they are couched. This has always been the practice of our State Department, as it is of every Foreign Secretary in any Government which has a responsible head—and we presume that Mr. Seward has never departed from so laudable and so necessary a habit.

The idea, therefore, that President Lincoln could hold a "secret interview" with a Foreign Minister, and disavow either the action or the language of his Secretary of State, on any subject of public importance, is about as absurd as any crotchet that ever entered the *Tribune's* head—and that is putting it pretty strongly. It needs only the additional touch which the *Tribune's* "Occasional Correspondent" gives it—in representing the President as begging M. Mazzini not to take any "notice" of anything he may find disagreeable in the Secretary's dispatch—to make the conception worthy of an idiot,—or of the *Tribune's* "statesmen behind the scenes."

Our Relations with France.

We find the following paragraph, in immense type, in a Washington newspaper, and also in the special correspondence of the Boston *Journal*:

"The statement made by the New-York Times that France is about to break the blockade, is not credited by those who have the best means of information, and *we are authorized to say that the rumor has no foundation in fact.*

"The language of Count Mazzini, the French Minister, *is of the most friendly character*, and entirely inconsistent with any such purpose as are attributed to his Government. We are also assured that his relations with Secretary Seward are constant, and always cordial."

We are delighted, and not in the least surprised, to hear it. Count Mazzini's "language" has always been "of the most friendly character." We never heard that his relations with Secretary Seward were anything but "constant and cordial." Count Mazzini is a diplomatist, and a *French* diplomatist at that. Gentlemen of that school are not in the habit of telling the world all they know and think, nor do they deem it necessary to bluster and shake their fists in the faces of Government officials whom it is their business to circumvent.

The Washington *Republican* is "authorized" to say that the rumor of France being about to break the blockade, "has no foundation in fact." We have heard of no such "rumor." We expressed the opinion that France would attempt to break the blockade before many weeks,—and we gave the reasons which led us to that belief. Those reasons may or may not be sufficient to warrant it. Of that, every person who read them can judge for himself. But we know of nobody, at Washington or elsewhere, who has any "authority" to say that they "have no foundation in fact,"—unless it be the French Emperor. Mr. Seward may not believe that France has any such intention. He may have been told so by Count Mazzini, *though we don't believe he has.* But that would by no means make it certain. There may be persons who confide in the perfect frankness and veracity of all assurances of a diplomatic character from the French Government; possibly Mr. Seward may be one. But before we put implicit faith in them, we should like some explanation of one or two past transactions in this department.

On the 9th of November, M. Drouyn de Lhuys, the French Foreign Secretary, assured Mr. Dayton, in the most direct and explicit terms, that the French Government had done nothing about intervention or mediation,—that it had not even *resolved* on anything *in connection with the subject*:—while his letter, proposing mediation to England and Russia, had been written and sent a fortnight before. What was the object of this direct and unmistakable falsehood? After that project had failed, the French Secretary assured Mr. Dayton, and through him our Government, that the matter would not be pursued—that there was no intention of following it up—that France had nothing more to say or suggest upon the subject. On the very heel of these assurances, namely, on the 9th of January, comes the Emperor's advice to our Government to confer with the rebels upon the terms of reunion, or of separation. All this may be very "friendly." Possibly we ought to be very grateful for it, and especially for the very polite and considerate phrases in which it is all couched. Upon this point every one is entitled to his own judgment. But we venture to think that these repeated denials of any intention to do what is actually or immediately done, may fairly excite distrust of similar denials in future. If France *does* intend to break the blockade, Count Mazzini would hardly feel called upon just now to inform Mr. Seward of it.

Whether we are to have trouble with France or not, is a matter of opinion. We adhere to the opinion we have already expressed. Unless he shall find England immovably hostile to it, and unwilling to pledge herself to a *permanent* neutrality,—or unless the insurrection in Poland shall have created distrust at home, or unless decisive Union victories promise the speedy close of the war, we believe that within three months Louis Napoleon will demand, and, if necessary, *force* the delivery of cotton already purchased by French agents, to be delivered at Southern ports. We shall be very glad to find our[illegible] [illegible] minister. But we think there is [illegible] danger that France will [illegible] before we are prepared for such a contingency.

Our Army in Tennessee.

We have been looking daily, for a month past, to Vicksburgh and Charleston as the points at which the confronting armies should first come into actual collision. But if signs do not fail, the first battle may be at neither one nor the other of these places, but in a locality from which we have heard ominously little, although we know that an able leader, with a splendid army, has been preparing, with military rapidity, for the inevitable struggle. The Richmond *Enquirer*, of Friday last, says that there are rumors in that city of an advance of the Yankee army in Middle Tennessee; and it adds that two days previously cannonading had been heard on the rebel front and in the direction of Beech Grove. By the front of the rebel army, we suppose is meant the region along the line of railroad running from Murfreesboro southward to and beyond Tullahoma; for, so far as we know, these two places are still the headquarters of the respective armies. Beech Grove is a small town some twenty miles southeast of Murfreesboro, and five miles from the railroad; and if Rosecrans has a column of his army there, it would seem that he is proposing to execute a movement on the rebel flank as well as on their front—as he has but to march down the turnpike to Manchester, on the head-waters of Duck River, to be in a position to operate very advantageously against Tullahoma from the east.

Our own advices, direct from Rosecrans' army, are not as late as the rebel dispatches; but we know that on Monday and Tuesday of last week Rosecrans' advance had heavy skirmishing with the rebel advance, and that the lines were then drawing closer and closer, and a general engagement was threatened at any hour. It is very likely that the cannonading which was heard by the rebel army, on Wednesday, in their front and flank, was only a continuation of the heavy skirmishing which had then been going on for two days. But whether it was or no, it indicates clearly that Rosecrans' army was either advancing upon Tullahoma, in two great columns, or that he is feeling his way determinedly, in preparation for the forward movement.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, Rosecrans does not keep the newspapers posted up as to his plans of campaign or battle, as to the day and hour on which he means to move, as to the strength of his force, or as to the mode in which he intends to manœuvre each brigade during the engagement. He neither does this nor does he discount his victories in advance. As a consequence, we cannot furnish accurate information on these points. But the fact that though the people of the North were in equal darkness on the same subjects before the battle of Murfreesboro, yet he there gained the most decisive victory of the war, will strengthen public confidence, although it may not have exactly the same grounds of support it has had in other cases. We know that, in every respect, Rosecrans is in a better condition now to fight than he was when his army left Nashville eight weeks ago and advanced upon Bragg. We know that his army is stronger in numbers, better supplied with artillery and cavalry, and in higher confidence now than it was then. The rebels there have probably played the game of brag pretty extensively, in the information they have from time to time sent us, as to the enormous reinforcements they have latterly received from Virginia. At all events, though it is over a month since they claimed to be reinforced by Longstreet's entire division, they have chosen not to make any hostile movement toward Rosecrans, but have lain at Tullahoma while he was daily strengthening himself, completing his communications and accumulating supplies. They are strongly fortified at Tullahoma, but not more so than they were at Murfreesboro; and there are a good many proofs that their *morale* is low. We do not anticipate Rosecrans will win a very easy victory, but we do not doubt a moment of his triumph.

Free Negro Labor.—The important question, whether liberated slaves can be made to work as hired laborers, is being tested pretty extensively in Lower Louisiana. It has been discovered that the slaves within the parishes exempted from the operation of the Emancipation Proclamation are virtually emancipated by the fact that they are within our military lines; and as they amount to many thousands, and their former masters have very generally remained on their plantations, the latter, under the advice and with the co-operation of Gen. Banks, have held consultations among themselves, and come to terms with their ex-slaves, as to their future relations with each other. No general plan has been adopted, each planter making such terms with the negroes as he finds convenient or possible. Our New-Orleans correspondent gives, this morning, a copy of the rules which have been drawn up by an old citizen of Louisiana for the management of his plantation, the labor on which is performed by his freed slaves; and their practicability is confirmed by an efficient negro overseer, who says that under these rules he can work any gang of negroes successfully. The rules provide that the negroes shall labor the usual number of hours, and receive about their usual supplies of food; but besides this, they are to get wages, averaging from $8 to $10 a month—one-half of it at the end of each month, the balance at the end of the year. Various punishments are prescribed for bad conduct, and rewards for good conduct—such as will appeal to the sensibilities, instincts and interests of the negro. The rules are in the main excellent, and if equally good ones have been adopted and are rigidly enforced on the other plantations, we do not see that anything better could be desired for the Louisiana or any other negroes. The plan is the best that has been adopted in any of those parts of the South occupied by our army—as no *military* supervision or interference is called for. The working of these free-negro-labor schemes will be watched with great interest.

Secretary Seward and our French Relations.—We find the following in the Albany *Statesman*:

"We dropped to perceive that it is evident Mr. Seward and his pimentophants get down the rebellion are fostering a disturbance with France. This is an old hobby with Mr. Seward. He has believed from the first that a foreign war would promote domestic peace, and his eye was first upon England for a disturbance. No prospect there, he next turned to France," &c.

We take great pleasure in relieving the *Statesman's* "pain." Mr. Seward is not fostering a war with France, nor does he believe that there is any danger of an interruption of our friendly relations with that Power. On the contrary, he thinks the Emperor's disposition entirely friendly, and puts full faith in the assurances with which he is constantly favored by the Minister of France, that his Imperial Master entertains the highest possible consideration and the utmost good will toward the Government and people of the United States. We think we have very good authority for saying that these are Mr. Seward's views, in spite of the rumors so industriously circulated, that M. Mercier has raised with him a question of veracity and that great offence is taken at the tone of his reply to the latest French proposal.

The *Statesman*, we are confident, will be glad to know that Mr. Seward is not only not responsible for our opinions on the subject of our French relations, but that he does not share them. He concurs with the *Statesman* in its admiration of the French Emperor, its faith in his assurances and its extreme unwillingness to believe it possible that he can entertain any designs or wishes hostile to the perpetuity of our beloved Union. The Emperor's well-known hostility to Slavery, his warm sympathy with the abolition movement, and his special admiration of the Emancipation Proclamation, must certainly satisfy Mr. Seward, as they do the *Statesman*, that all is serene in his relations with this country. His importation of a regiment of Nubian negroes, hired from the Pacha of Egypt to be food for vomito in Vera Cruz, is said, by the *Moniteur* to have been done "in the interest of humanity," and therefore not obnoxious to censure. This assurance must, of course, end all discussion on that point.

Our Army on Vicksburgh.—From all sources—from our own correspondence, from private letters of soldiers, and from the Western Press—we hear the most shocking and shameful accounts of the lack of hospital accommodations, and the bad treatment of sick soldiers in the army of Gen. Grant, opposite Vicksburgh. The region itself is about as unhealthy all the year round as it well could be, and the sick and mortality lists of Grant's army are excessive—being three or four times as great as in the army of Gen. Rosecrans, in Middle Tennessee. No proper hospital buildings have been raised, for the reason that it was hoped the army would not remain there any length of time, but would speedily move over to the high and wholesome region on the opposite side of the river. But instead of doing the best that was possible under bad circumstances—instead of removing the sick away, or placing them on hospital steamboats, or using the best houses in the vicinity for their accommodation, they have been crowded into filthy negro shanties, dank hovels located in the swamp, and pens that are not fit for swine; while the few dry and roomy houses thereabouts are assigned to the officers for their use. The surgeons, apparently hopeless of contending successfully with adverse circumstances, seem to almost completely neglect their patients, and invite malaria and death to do their worst. On this latter point complaints are unfortunately too well founded to admit a doubt of their truth.

As a consequence of all this, our veteran Army of the Mississippi is being depleted at a fearful rate; and a letter from "Off Vicksburgh," which we publish this morning, asserts that "since our army has been there, over *one hundred men have every day* failed to respond to roll-call, and been carried out, *never to return.*"

To a certain extent, this condition of affairs is unavoidable, and in any event must be temporary. But we cannot look upon the Medical Director of Grant's army as free from culpability, and the case is one which imperatively demands the immediate attention of the Surgeon-General.

Russia Again Made Happy.—We find the following agreeable announcement in a Washington paper:

"We are glad to announce that Mr. Cassidy, having surrendered, yesterday, the commission he has for a long while held, as Minister to Russia, Mr. Clay has been reconstituted, and will leave immediately for St. Petersburgh, and assume the responsible duties of the office."

We hope the Russian mission may be considered as having been disposed of—for the present at least, and that Maj.-Gen. Clay has, after due consideration, found a field where he can serve the Government consistently with his private sentiments. He has been to Russia once, and probably knows the way back. We trust that the necessity of finding a place for some retiring Cabinet Minister, or disenthralled Major-General, will not render it necessary to supersede him again until he has had an opportunity of finding out whether the place is agreeable or not. We hope, furthermore, that the Emperor will not get the impression that we confound his dominions with Siberia, and regard them as penal colonies for the banishment of uneasy politicians who are too discontented to be useful at home. Such an opinion would be very unjust to us—to say nothing of the politicians.

Telegraph Along the Coast.—The Chamber of Commerce has remonstrated very warmly against the rejection by the Senate of the proposal to construct a submarine telegraph from Fortress Monroe to Galveston. Such a line would prove of immense importance in facilitating the operations of our navy, especially as the Spanish Government proposes to construct a line to be connected with it from Key West to Havana. It would be much easier than it is now, to direct the course of our vessels in pursuit of the rebel privateers, and would greatly increase the chances of their capture.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The Conference Committee and the Ways and Means Bill.

AMENDMENTS OF THE TAX BILL.

The Conscription Bill to be Considered To-Day.

The Probable Authorization of Letters-of-Marque.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

Washington, Sunday, Feb. 22.

THE CONFERENCE ON THE LOAN BILL.

The Committee of Conference on the Loan bill consists of Messrs. Fessenden, Sherman and Lovejoy on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Stevens, Morrill, of Vermont, and Thomas on that of the House. They will confer to-morrow upon the points of disagreement between the two Houses. The composition of this Committee is noteworthy. Whatever errors may have been charged upon Mr. Chase's earlier tactics in procuring the passage of his financial measures, he has, in obtaining this Committee, displayed great tact. Not only is the Senate Committee composed of his friends, but a majority of the House Committee likewise. Mr. Morrill is indeed opposed to his bank scheme, and very strongly so, but Mr. Thomas is an Ohio man, of firm character, and will stand by the Secretary to the last. Mr. Stevens, though in favor of legal tender issues, is greatly indisposed to run counter to the Secretary's wishes. The concession of the views he has heretofore advocated, will give Mr. Chase a *majority of said Committee*, while the adherence to those views will necessitate a compromise satisfactory to himself. The Secretary expresses himself favorable to making legal tenders of the interest-bearing notes, while others urge that they shall only be made convertible into legal tenders. If he seriously objects to receiving the authority to issue more than fifty millions additional legal tenders for currency, the authority probably will not be forced upon him; but if he does not care strongly to contest that point, the Committee will report in favor of their authorization.

THE TAX BILL.

Among the amendments to the Tax bill reported by the Ways and Means Committee, is a tax of a quarter per cent on all transactions in gold, and a requirement that all such transactions shall be made in writing.

LETTERS-OF-MARQUE.

The Naval Committee have leave to report a Letters-of-Marque bill at any time, and its passage will thus probably be secured, as a majority of the House is believed to be in its favor.

THE POST-OFFICE BILL.

The House largely amended the Post-office bill on Saturday before passing it. The franking privilege was taken away from the Postmasters whose offices bring them less than $200 per annum. The rate on drop letters remains unchanged—one cent, except in cities where the letter-carrier system is established. These letters are delivered free, and drop letters charged two cents.

GENERALS.

The President experiences some difficulty in selecting from the list of General officers returned to him from the Senate the number which the law authorizes him to nominate.

THE MILITARY NOMINATIONS.

The Senate Military Committee will to-morrow report to the Senate, in Executive session, the balance of the military nominations which they recommend for confirmation. There are a large number of Paymasters, Quartermasters and Commissaries who must be rejected.

THE CASE OF COL. MASON.

The Whole Ohio Delegation, Senators and Representatives, without distinction of party, unite in a request to the President to grant a Court of Inquiry to Col. Robert Mason, who was dismissed the service by Secretary Stanton, abruptly, without trial, and on a mere newspaper telegram, for the surrender of Clarksville. Mason has the depositions of eye-witnesses, which are believed to go far toward establishing the fact that his dismissal was unjust. The President is thought likely to grant the Court.

MR. FLANDERS, OF NEW-ORLEANS.

Hon. B. F. Flanders, representative from New-Orleans, has returned, and will take his seat in the House to-morrow.

THE CONSCRIPTION BILL.

The Conscription bill will be again before the House to-morrow, under the operation of the previous question. The Copperheads threaten, with apparent sincerity, to filibuster for its defeat.

DISPATCHES TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Saturday, Feb. 21.

THE HEALTH, ETC., OF THE ARMY.

The bill reported by Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, to promote the health, comfort and efficiency of the armies of the United States provides:

First—That the Medical Department shall unite with the line officers of the army in supervising the cooking within the same as an important sanitary measure, and it shall promulgate to the officers such regulations and instructions as may tend to insure the proper preparation of rations to the soldiers.

Second—That cooks shall be detailed in turn from the privates of each company of troops in the service of the United States, at the rate of one cook for each company numbering less than 30 men, and two cooks for each company numbering over 30 men, who shall serve ten days each.

Third—That the President of the United States be, and he is authorized to cause to be enlisted for each cook, two under-cooks, of African descent, who shall receive for their full compensation ten dollars per month, and one ration a day. Three dollars of the monthly pay may be taken in clothing.

Fourth—That the army ration shall hereafter include pepper in proportion to four ounces to every hundred rations, and tobacco be furnished the enlisted men by the Commissary Department at its cost, and be charged against their pay under such regulations as the Secretary of War may adopt for that purpose.

Fifth—That hereafter all the nurses in General Hospitals shall be employed by the authority of the Surgeon-General, and hospital matrons shall receive $10 per month and one ration a day in kind, provided the washing of hospitals may be given out by contract.

tal a price not to exceed the cost of the number of matrices authorized by the regulations.

SEC. 4. That all instruments of writing and papers relating to the prosecution of claims for bounty, bounties, pensions and arrears of pay by or for officers, soldiers and seamen, or their legal representatives, who have been or may be in the service of the United States, 90 days, and the same are hereby exempt from tax duty.

THE REVENUE OF THE WAR BILL.

There is no increased tax on whisky proposed in the amendments of the Committee of Ways and Means to the Tax bill. The tax on ale and beer, however, has been reduced to 60 cents per barrel until April 1, 1864. The paper question will hereafter be considered by the Committee.

COL. MULLIGAN.

Representative Auburn and Father Dunn, of Chicago, visited the President yesterday, and urged the promotion of Col. MULLIGAN to a Brigadier-Generalship. Father Dunn has aided in raising two regiments for the war.

CAPITALISTS AND THE BANKING LAW.

Capitalists seem likely to avail themselves promptly of the advantages of the new banking law. An application for the organization of a Banking Association in this city, with a capital of $600,000, was filed in the Treasury Department on Saturday.

NAVAL.

Acting Assistant Surgeon WILLIAM WINSE, Jr., has been ordered to the United States steamer *Sumter*.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. ANDERSON'S highly successful season of German Opera will close with the present week, and at the invitation of the Philadelphians, the company will repeat here more to the Quaker City on Monday next. The programme for the week is highly interesting; tonight the "Magic Flute" to-morrow, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the highly entertaining and delightful comic opera of the "Poacher;" on Wednesday, the company will give in one hundredth performance, and a programme worthy of so remarkable an occurrence has been prepared; on Thursday, Auber's opera of "Fra Diavolo" will be given for the benefit of Mr. J. GRAPP; on Friday, there will be a grand closing performance at the New-York establishment, and on Saturday, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, a Grand Farewell Matinée, the first ever given in the sister city, at which FLOTOW's charming opera of "Martha" will be performed. It will be seen that Mr. ANDERSON's industry is equal to his other merits.

The arrival of Mr. MAX MARETZEK, from Havana, with the leading members of his operatic troupe, brings us face to face with the fact that we shall soon have a series of operatic performances at the Academy of Music, worthy of the Metropolis of the New World, and of a community that is willing to pay liberally for what is good. It is a little doubtful that the season will commence on Monday next, but it will unquestionably do so during the coming week. Mr. MARETZEK is resolved to have all his arrangements thoroughly completed before entering on a renewal of these grand performances with which his name has been so long associated, and which have caused—we may add—those his departure from our midst. The orchestra and chorus will be the best ever heard in the Academy, and with a company of artists entirely new and of the first class, we may reasonably look forward to a season of brilliancy and interest such as we have not had for many years.

The announcements at the various places of amusement, for to-night, are as follows: At Wallack's Theatre, the highly successful revival of "Henriette" at the Academy of Music, (two performances,) the children's spectacle of "Cinderella," at Niblo's Garden, Miss REMMERS, (her rentrée,) in a version of BALFE's "Bohemia," at the Winter Garden, (a domestic calamity of the most terrible kind having deprived the public of Mr. BOOTH's services,) Miss MARY PROVOST will appear as *Parthenia* in "Ingomar," at Laura Keene's, the burlesque of the "Fair One with the Golden Locks," at Barnum's Museum, the new and splendid drama called "Rescued, or the Wreck of a Life," at the Theatre Français, to-morrow night, the domestic drama, in three acts, of "Lucie Didier."

The German Liederkranz will give a grand vocal and instrumental concert at Irving Hall, to-morrow evening, assisted by Mme. ROTTAR and Mr. S. B. MILLS. MENDELSSOHN'S Symphonic Cantata, the "Hymn of Praise," will be performed by a full chorus of ladies and gentlemen and a grand orchestra, under the direction of Mr. A. PAUR.

Mr. GOSSAGE so SPRING will give a musical Matinée on Wednesday next, and will introduce, for the first time, a new fantasia by RUBINSTEIN.

CONCERT IN THE SOUTH DUTCH CHURCH.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Church was well filled with a highly appreciative audience on Thursday evening. The programme (an excellent one by the way) was well executed. Prominent among the vocalists was Miss BRAINERD who was in good voice, and gave great satisfaction. The Duett with Mrs. BARCLAY was admirably performed and was one of the gems of the concert. Miss GARRIGUE, Mrs. BARCLAY, Mr. McPHAIL and Mr. LEWIS were the principal soloists, and acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. The grand organ was a great feature in the attractions. Mr. BURNAP, the organist of the Church, displayed all its variety of effects to the very best advantage. He is evidently at home on this king of instruments. Mr. C. W. BRAINE accompanied with his usual good taste. At the close of the concert it was announced that a repetition would take place on Wednesday evening next.

On Saturday evening, Miss BATEMAN concluded, as Hilter, one of the most prosperous engagements that has been played in this City for a very long while. She commenced a few weeks ago with the production of an untried five-act play—a critical experiment under any circumstances, but one which, in this instance, proved triumphantly successful. The impression made by the piece upon the public mind must be almost wholly attributed to the powerful creation by Miss BATEMAN herself of the principal character. Her performance of the part produced a profound and legitimate sensation, causing the theatre to be crowded to its utmost capacity, night after night, and leaving, with her departure, a just measure of disappointment and regret to those who failed to be among her audiences when the opportunity was offered them. It is more than likely that Miss BATEMAN will not again appear upon the stage for some time to come.

Card from Mr. W. A. LeRingwell.

Mr. A. LEFFINGWELL and the Clerks in the Record Bureau are deemed culpable and careless.—*Washington Correspondence, Feb. 20.*

I have been employed in the Custom-house sixteen years. I have been dismissed, without a charge, an examination or a question. I am not conscious of having been careless, and I know I have not been culpable. I have never surrendered a record, but upon an order from the Collector, or from the Chief of the Division to which the Record Bureau was attached. No records have ever been taken from the Record Office, without authority, to my knowledge, or with my assent. Many, indeed, may have been taken, as several clerks had equal access and equal right of access. I know no method, nor can the wit of man devise a method, by which a dishonest clerk in the Record Office can be prevented from purloining his papers, especially as in chief is sometimes obliged to be present in Court, with records. The Solicitor, in his report, says, "W. A. LEFFINGWELL appears to have been culpable, in permitting papers to be withdrawn." That report is as incorrect in fact, as the examination preliminary to it was unfair. I repeat, I have never permitted a paper to be withdrawn, without proper authority. W. A. LEFFINGWELL.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 21, 1863.

Telegraphic Matters.

PORTLAND, Me., Sunday, Feb. 22.

A special dispatch to the *Press*, from Augusta, states that both branches of the Legislature concurred in referring J. J. SPEAR's petition for the incorporation of a new telegraph line to the next Legislature.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Feb. 21.

Sailed, steamer *St. Louis*, for Panama, carrying $200,000 in treasure, for England, and $240,000 for New-York.

The Storm Throughout the Country.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Feb. 22.

It has been snowing here for 12 hours. About 10 inches have fallen and much drifted. Railroads will be probably blocked up, and travel stopped for a short time.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, Feb. 22.

A great snow storm commenced before daylight this morning.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 22.

About five inches of snow fell this morning. Cold sleighing; the first of the season.

BUFFALO—6 P. M.

It has been snowing nearly all day. It is now clear. Thermometer, 18°.

Martial Discipline.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sunday, Feb. 22.

Schooner *Margot*, of Brookhaven, Capt. SCOTT, from Boston for New-York, in attempting to go into Newport for a harbor, on Sunday afternoon, went ashore on the Dumpling, opposite Fort Adams. She lies easy; makes no water, and will come off with assistance.

Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, Sunday, Feb. 22.

The large building, Nos. 17 and 19 Washington-street, was entirely destroyed by fire last night. Among the heaviest losers were J. H. ARNOLD, bookbinder; SMITH & BURLEIGH, gas fixtures, and ROSSER WHITTIER, electrotype. The composing-room of RAND & AVERY, printers, was also destroyed. Losses principally covered by insurance.

International Relief Committee.

The Treasurer of the International Relief Committee acknowledges the receipt of additional subscriptions in aid of the suffering Lancashire operatives as follows:

Friend of the *Tribune*, through H. G.	$3
From Mr. Fletcher Williams, Treasurer, a collection taken in the churches of the Western Diocese of New-York—4 second remittance	236 76
Total	$241 76
Previously reported	111,372 86
Grand total	$111,614 62

A. A. LOW, Treasurer, No. 81 Burling-slip.

Arrivals in the City.

Gen. Alex. J. Hamilton, Military Governor of Texas, arrived in this City on Saturday evening, from New Orleans, where he remained for a few days in consultation with Gen. Banks after his departure from Texas. He is stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Ex-Governor Randall, of Wisconsin; Hons. Wm. H. Stoughton and T. T. Davis, of Syracuse, and Hon. Jas. A. Peer, Maine; Gen. A. J. Whitney, Boston; E. A. Barlow, A. A. Gen. U. S. Vols.; H. H. Wilber, British Army; T. S. Ayres, Tennessee; and H. F. Baldwin, New-Orleans, are among the arrivals at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Capt. Wm. S. Caton and H. C. McIlvaine, U. S. Navy; Maj. Wm. L. Burt, Capt. G. W. Bradley, U. S. A.; Col. Sperten, J. P. Bowen, Md., and Dr. O. D. Norton, Cincinnati, are stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Hon. J. V. S. Pruyn, Albany; W. J. Gordon, Cleveland; Dr. Fitzhugh, Canaseraga, and E. Clymer, Reading, Penn., are at the Brevoort House.

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Diseases of the Nervous, Seminal, Urinary and Sexual Systems.—New and reliable treatment.—In Reports of the Howard Association—sent in sealed letter envelopes, free of charge. Address DR. J. SKILLIN HOUGHTON, Howard Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

TRUSSES.—MARSH & CO.'S Radical Cure Truss, Office No. 2 Vesey-st., (under Astor House,) opposite the church. No connection whatever with any other Truss Office of same name. A female attends ladies.

The Palmer Arm and Leg.—S. FRANK PALMER, inventor and patentee, Astor-place, (ground floor) N. Y.; also Philadelphia and Boston. Only houses of Palmer & Co. Avoid imposition by calling on the inventor.

MARRIED.

NICHOLS—LAPHAM.—In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 19, at the residence of the bride father, by Rev. C. C. Keys, LUDOT NICHOLS and CLARA A. LAPHAM, daughter of E. E. Lapham, all of this City. No cards.

DIED.

BLACKWELL.—In Astoria, L. I., on Friday, Feb. 20, ROBERT H. BLACKWELL, in the 60th year of his age. His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Monday, Feb. 23, at 2½ o'clock P. M., at St. George's Church, Astoria. The steamer *Sylvan Grove* will leave Peck-slip, at 1½ o'clock P. M.

BOYLE.—In this City, on Saturday, Feb. 21, suddenly, JOHN A. BOYLE, aged 28 years.

His friends, and those of his brother, Harry Cannon, and his brother-in-law, G. C. Abel, are invited to attend his funeral, this day, (Monday,) at 1½ o'clock, from his late residence, No. 15 West 16th-st.

CHARLTON.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 22, of consumption, Miss ELINA, daughter of Robert Charlton, of Omagh County, Tyrone, Ireland, aged 26 years.

Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 191 East 20th-st.

☞ Irish papers please copy.

JOHNSTON.—In this City, on Friday evening, Feb. 20, of consumption, RENDOLA JANE, wife of Robert H. and Jane Bleakie, aged 21 years, 1 month and 4 days.

The friends and acquaintances of the family, and those of her brothers, Robert and David Johnston, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from No. 110½ West 26th-st., on Monday, Feb. 23, at 1 o'clock, without further invitation.

LANSING.—In this City, on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Greenwood-park House, CORNELIUS LANSING.

His remains will be interred on Monday, Feb. 23, at Lansingburgh, N. Y.

LEAVITT.—In St. Croix, W. I., on Saturday, Jan. 24, J. BYRON LEAVITT, M. D., son of the late Jonathan Leavitt, of this City.

TRUSLOW.—On Saturday, Feb. 21, THOMAS TRUSLOW, in the 77th year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

MOORE.—In Newtown, L. I., on Friday, Feb. 20, after a short and severe illness, JAMES MOORE, in the 56th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Monday, (this day,) Feb. 23, at 2 o'clock P. M., at St. James' Church, Newtown. The boat connecting with the Flushing and Newtown Railroad leaves James-slip at 11 o'clock A. M. Carriages will also be in waiting till 1½ o'clock A. M., at Grandee, Perry, Williamsburgh.

SIMONS.—In Hackensack, N. J., on Saturday, Feb. 21, MOSES SIMONS, in the 77th year of his age.

The funeral services will take place at the Second Reformed Dutch Church, Hackensack, on this (Monday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. His friends, and those of the family, are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice. The cars leave foot of Chambers-st., at 12½ o'clock.

WOOD.—On Monday, Feb. 16, JULIA A. C., widow of the late Silas Wood of this City.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Monday morning, Feb. 23, at 11 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 6 East 22d-st., without further notice.

WOODNULL.—In Baltimore, Md., suddenly, on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 19, Commander MAXWELL WOODNULL, U. S. N., who was accidentally killed during the firing of a salute, in the 46th year of his age.

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ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY.—IN DRAWING OF FEB. 4, No. 8,426 drew $100,000; No. 22,759 drew $50,000; No. 28,284 drew $20,000; No. 6,188 drew $10,000; No. 16,428 drew $6,000—being the five capital prizes, 25 per cent. premium paid on prizes. Information furnished. Highest price paid for doubloons, American gold and silver.

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GENERAL ORDER, No. 4.—PRINTED PAPERS will, on application, be furnished, as heretofore, by the commandants of the corps of New-York Volunteers, at Hiker's Island, and at Quarantine and New-Dorp, Staten Island.

Commandants of Regiments and Battalions now organizing, will upon receipt of this order, send in to these headquarters a list of all commissioned officers and enlisted men on duty in the City, in order that passes may be made out to them.

On and after the 24th inst., any officer or enlisted man, belonging to any regiment now recruiting in the State, found by the Provost-Guard without the proper pass, will be arrested, the enlisted men sent to Governor's Island, and the officers deprived of their commissions.

All passes will be signed by the Superintendent.

By order of R. H. LANSING,

Colonel 17th N. Y. Vols., and Superintendent of New-York Troops in Camp and Garrison.

HEADQUARTERS SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW-YORK TROOPS IN CAMP AND GARRISON, NEW-YORK, Feb. 20, 1863.

CIRCULAR.—All field and line officers authorized to raise volunteers for the regiments and battalions now organizing in this state, are earnestly entreated to devote all their leisure time to the study of the books of tactics authorized by the War Department for their particular arm of the service, and the "Revised Regulations of the Army," that they may become familiar with their duties and obligations. They are reminded that they may at any time be called upon to undergo an examination as to their fitness for the commission to which they aspire, and that a failure to pass creditably such an examination will result in the loss of their commission. By order,

H. S. LANSING, Col. 17th N. Y. Vols.,

Superintendent of New-York Troops in Camp and Garrison.

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NEW-YORK, July 19, 1862.

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NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1863.

I am seventy-five years of age, and was completely blind in one eye, and with the other I could only distinguish light. In presence of my son, I cheerfully submitted to an operation by Dr. Von Eisenberg. To my almost *delight*, I can now *see every object*, even with the eye which was quite blind before I came to the Doctor. It is with gratitude and confidence that I recommend all sufferers from failing sight to place themselves under Dr. Von Eisenberg's skillful treatment.

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Per John Van Boskirk, Jr.,

Bergen, New-Jersey.

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Yours gratefully,

P. DILLON,

No. 48 Raymond-st., Brooklyn.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 6, 1862.

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Allow me to present my kindest regards, and assure you of my grateful remembrance. Respectfully,

A. McDONALD REYNOLDS,

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NEW-YORK, April 14, 1862.

I have great pleasure in testifying to the complete success of Dr. VON EISENBERG. I have been afflicted with deafness and noises in the head for several years, with many indications of a total loss of hearing. Dr. VON EISENBERG has surpassed my belief in his skillful treatment to cure me in so short a time, and I am absolutely satisfied. S. A. SMITH,

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NEW-YORK, May 17, 1862.

I have much pleasure in being able to certify that I have suffered for a long time from Sclerotitis, and nearly complete loss of sight. I have consulted a great many, as well as visiting institutions, and only without benefit, but my case was given up as incurable. I decided to go over recovering my sight, until hearing of Dr. Von Eisenberg's great cures. I determined to place myself under his care, and I am happy to say, I realized in a complete cure. From the skillful treatment, great care and attention which I experienced from the Doctor, I have no hesitation in recommending all those suffering from diseases of the eye to place themselves under Dr. Von Eisenberg's care, with a certainty of being speedily cured. I shall be happy to bear personal testimony.

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Mr. Bliss is now over 70, and will be pleased to testify as to the merits of Brandreth's Pills, after an acquaintance with them of 30 years.

B. BRANDRETH, New-York, Nov. 1, 1862.

Mr. J. C. Rapelyea, of Monmouth County, New-Jersey, writes, March 20, 1859:

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I was troubled in January last with costiveness for several days, and took the genius of colocynt to obtain relief. I caught cold, I suppose; at any rate, a severe diarrhœa set in, which my medical attendant found it impossible to arrest. This was followed by dysentery. My strength was all gone. Everything passed through me as I took it. A friend from New-York, Mr. George Lewis, fortunately called on me and advised Brandreth's Pills. I thought, in my weak condition, one pill would be enough; but he administered four, and the next morning four more. Much impurity came from me, and, to my surprise, the soreness and pain diminished. One box cured me fully. I am now hearty, with a fine appetite. You are at liberty to publish this.

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HARRISONS, N. J., May 1, 1861.

DR. BRANDRETH—*Dear Sir:* I have long wanted to write to you, and express my gratitude for the beneficial effects that have been experienced in my own family, and in hundreds, aye, thousands, of others, by the use of Brandreth's Pills. The first year my friend Brockway sold your Pills in Boston, 1836, I was then in a declining state of health, and my friends, as well as myself, supposed that my earthly voyage would soon terminate. Mr. Brockway urged me to take the Brandreth Pills; but having used so much medicine, with no good effect, I was more inclined to let nature take its course, and calmly submit to my fate. My B. offered to give me one dozen boxes, if I would take them as prescribed. By this I saw he had great faith in them, and I finally consented to take them, but not as a gift. I went home, and went at it most heartily. After taking one box I began to feel better. Well, Sir, when I had used up my twelve boxes I was a well, healthy man—my weight having gone from 135 pounds up to 185 pounds. I then ordered a supply, and between that time and the present I retailed $3,000 worth of these invaluable Pills, and am quite sure that I have thereby been instrumental in saving, not hundreds, but thousands of lives.

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Cornwall, Feb. 14, 1863.

AT PUBLIC AUCTION—AN ELEGANT REEL Avenue on Clinton-av., west side, third door north of Atlantic. This property is one of a new house, 30x40; located in one of the most improvements; a stable and outbuilding fitted horses and cows; and four lots of ground laid out with choice fruits; a fine view of the Bay, Staten Island, and Jersey. Accessible from all the ferries; 30 minutes from the Merchants' Exchange, New-York. The property can be viewed any afternoon, A. M., or after 1 P. M. For bills and full particulars, inquire of LEWIS DEAGIS, No. 94 Wall-st. Sale to take place on THURSDAY, Feb. 26, at 12 M.

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CENTRAL PARK LOTS.—SHERIFF'S SALE.—Under foreclosure, on the 24th inst., at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants' Exchange, Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, four splendid Central Park lots, 100 feet each, 6th-st., between Madison and 5th-ave., 25x100 feet each, 6th-av. Sale peremptory. Title perfect.

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FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.—A very desirable furnished house in perfect order, to let, furnished, to a private family only. Address G. H. S., Box No. 2,046 New-York Post-office.

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TO LET OR FOR SALE—THE STONE HOUSE, No. 32 St. Marks-place, 8th-st. Just done, with all the improvements. Will be sold low to a good tenant. Apply to E. W. HOWES, at the Park Bank.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE FOUR WELL-lighted lofts of store No. 81 Wall-st. Possession immediately. Apply on the premises.

BROADWAY.—TO LET—THE FIRST-CLASS Store next to Stewart's marble palace, lately occupied. Apply to E. H. CUDLIFF, No. 119 Nassau-st.

TO RENT—THE FIRST-CLASS, FOUR-STORY Premises, No. 195 West 13th-st., near 7th-av. Inquire of A. G. JEROME & CO., No. 22 Exchange-place.

TO LET—THE BASEMENT UNDER THE TIMES Office, fronting Park-row, 32x18 feet. Inquire in office of the Agricultural, No. 41 Park-row.

TWO LIGHT ROOMS AND STEADY POWER. Last low rent, by JOHN GAUDE, No. 102 Walker-st.

HOUSE AGENCY.—PARTIES DESIROUS OF letting or hiring houses or rooms, can be accommodated by applying to W. T. TODD, No. 910 Broadway, between 20th and 21st-sts.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED TO RENT IN BROOKLYN—IN a good neighborhood, within ten or fifteen minutes' walk of either Fulton or Wall-st. Ferry—a 2-story house, 14 rooms, with gas, water and yard, which must be moderate. W. M., Box No. 100 Times Office.

WANTED—FROM FIRST OF MAY, OR SOONER, a good three or four story house, partially or fully furnished, in a good central location. Inquire of Box No. 1,000 Post-office.

AT NO. 126 EAST FOURTEENTH-ST., A front room to suit a gentleman on third floor; a large front room on the fourth floor to suit two young ladies. The house has all the modern improvements. Reference required.

STATIONERY.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST INK.—AMERICAN UNION INK, jet black ink, flows freely, and does not corrode. Sold at No. 1 Ludlow-st., and of the stationers generally. JESSE G. REYS.

SLOTE & JANES, Stationers, Printers and Blank Book Dealers, No. 63 Fulton-st. Orders respectfully solicited.

DIARIES FOR 1863.—EXPENSE BOOKS, all kinds of blank books, writing papers and stationery articles, at lowest prices. Orders solicited. FRANCIS & LOUTREL, Stationers and Steam Printers, No. 45 Maiden-lane.

COUNTRY RESIDENCES.

A FINE RESIDENCE FOR SALE, SITUATED on FRIDAY, Feb. 27, 1863, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, Sale-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the town of Hempstead, Queens County, L. I., consisting of 8 acres of land, with a large house, stable, and other outbuildings, fruits of almost every variety, and an apple orchard in full bearing. The property is beautifully located, and is but a few minutes' walk from the village of Hempstead, and 18 miles from the City. The house is in good order, and has gas, water, furnace, and other conveniences, and will be sold free and clear of all incumbrances. The above property is now rented for one year at $350 and taxes, and will be sold subject to the lease, the purchaser taking the rent from the 1st of May, 1863, and receiving the rent on day of sale. Further information can be had by application to H. P. CHADEAYNE, Cornwall, N. Y.

FOR SALE—AT PLEASANTVILLE, WEST-chester County, 35 miles from the City, on the Harlem Railroad, large double house, carriage-house, &c., 1¼ acres land, beautifully improved, with plenty of fruit and shade trees; very desirable for a Summer boarding-house. Price, $4,000. Furniture, $3,000. Apply to D. O. BAYS, No. 42 Wall-st.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A COUNTRY seat and farm, about 37 acres, the mansion with grounds surrounded by large lawn. Location near Newark, N. J., unequaled for beauty, health and everything desirable in a country home. Address HOMESTEAD, Box 1,867 Post-office, N. Y.

ORANGE, N. J.—FURNISHED AND UNFUR-nished houses, beautifully situated, one hour from New-York, to let for the season or year; also, country seats for sale; all kinds of rents; rent from $50 to $500 per year. HENRY MACKIE, Real Estate, 346 William-st., New-York, 9 to 11 A. M.; No. 46 Main-st., Orange, 1 to 5 P. M.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—AT YONKERS, A commodious house and two acre of ground, on the bank of the river, quarter of a mile below depot; stable, fine vegetable garden, fruit, berries, shade trees, &c. Also, two acres of land adjoining, if desired. Apply on the premises, or to L. UNDERHILL, 64 Chambers-st.

FOR SALE—HUDSON, NEW-YORK—A DESIR-able house on 50 feet, filled with fine fruit, well situated and in good repair, with a good tenant; half the amount can remain on mortgage. Price, $5,000. Apply to A. J. CENTER, No. 94 Broadway.

COUNTRY SEAT FOR SALE—AT BLOOM-field, N. J., about twelve miles from the City by railroad. Fine large house, about three acres of land; fruit and shade trees, &c. For particulars inquire of J. S. SEABURY, No. 61 Water-st.

ECONOMY IN RENT.—COTTAGE AT CLIF-TON, Staten Island, to let at a reduced rent; contains ten rooms; fine view of the Bay of New-York, and rent $100 less than the assessed valuation. Address G. A. E., Box No. 1,878 Post-office.

TO LET OR FOR SALE, AT NORTH OR-ANGE, N. J.—A very convenient two-story double house and lot; price, $4,000; $500 down; the rent paid may be had if desired. For particulars, address T. G. FRENCH, No. 184½ Fulton-st., New-York.

FARMS.

A PROMISING INVESTMENT.

FOR SALE, ON ACCOMODATING TERMS,

A farm of 200 acres, with a good brick house and dependencies and a half hour from Fulton-street depot, on a public road, within 3 miles of depot at Peekskill.

It is situated on beautiful rising ground, with many primeval forest trees and wood, and a copious and swift stream through it, well adapted for a sheep farm.

Can be readily divided into several building plots, from every one of which a fine view of the North River and surrounding country can be had—the United States Topographical Engineer's Station, commanding a view of forty miles round, being near the rear of the premises. Every train of the Hudson River Railroad stops at Peekskill. Property may be obtained on advantageous terms, considering that the environs of Peekskill notwithstanding their great natural advantages, have not felt to the same extent as the region below, the effects of the speculation and consequent rise in prices.

Apply to G. MERLE, No. 102 Water-st., New-York.

Also for sale, 16 acres land at Bay Ridge.

FOR SALE—A FARM IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, containing 100 acres, 31 miles from the City, on the New-York and New-Haven Railroad; the outhouses, &c., in good order; fruits of various kinds. Also, a valuable property, corner of 40th-st. and 3d-av. Inquire at the Market Fund, No. 313 Bowery, corner of 3d-st.

FOR SALE—A FARM OF ABOUT 131 ACRES IN the town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New-York, near the depot; well wooded and watered, with stock and farming utensils. Terms very easy. Apply to L. HURST, No. 165 Broadway, New-York.

FARM FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH, or exchange for City or Yonkers property, of 200 acres, at Hunterstown, Pa. Also, a store to let at Yonkers. Inquire of Rev. Mr. BRIGGS, Yonkers, N. Y.

FOR SALE.—TWO FARMS, OF SUPERIOR QUAL-ity and well watered, on water side, 40 miles from New-York. Inquire of HENRY C. SMITH, Babylon, L. I.

LOST AND FOUND.

$100 REWARD.—STOLEN, FRIDAY, FEB. 6, a box of diamond and other Rings from the jewelry store of A. Pachelat & Co., No. 359 6th-av.; the thieves is about 5 feet 7 inches high, red faced, with black colored mustache, having a fast horse and wagon along with him. Any one able to give any information that would lead to recovery of the property will receive the above reward, at A. FRANKFIELD & CO'S, No. 359 6th-av.

LOST OR MISLAID—TEN WESTCHESTER County Bonds, numbered one to ten, for $1,000 each, assigned by the Commissioners to Henry Young, and by him indorsed, payable to Mrs. Martha A. Cavalle, or order. A liberal reward will be paid on delivery of same to HENRY YOUNG, No. 23 John-st.

LOST—A PROMISSORY NOTE OF $2,000, DATED 1st of January, 1863, at three months, drawn by Frederick Whitehead & Co., and indorsed by D. E. Hatch. All persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating the same.

PERSONAL.

ALL PERSONS DESIROUS OF GETTING rid of dandruff, tetter and rash, without pain or danger, can do so through the agency of my new CHEMICALLY PURIFIED CHLOROFORM and ETHER. Gold pen inserted, 25c; valuable, 50. Gold fillings, $1; silver and decayed, 50 cents. Dr. L. WAIT, No. 80 4th-av.

NO IMPOSITION.—HAD, ROSS, DOC-tored and cured, 7 years ago, with a marvelous gift; she tells the past and the future; she was never known to fail; she brings together those long separated; causes speedy marriages. Came out, came all to No. 69 West 27th-st., between 6th and 7th ave. Lucky numbers free.

WATER-PROOF VIENNA AND STRELLA MATCHES.—These matches are made without sulphur, and being free from disagreeable odor, are not only very desirable but almost indispensable for use in the parlor and sleeping chamber. They are put up in fancy colored boxes and small packages for family use, and are also carefully packed in cases for transportation. Sale wholesale and retail by JAMES R. DEY, No. 46 Cortlandt-st., New-York.

P. S.—Country merchants will do well to call and examine our stock.

FURNITURE WANTED.—I WANT TO BUY, for cash, at a fair rate, about $3,000 worth of good and medium quality second-hand furniture, carpets, mirrors, &c., suitable for a hotel or large boarding-house. Any party breaking up housekeeping may call on, or address T. MATHEWS, No. 663 Broadway.

COAL.—LOCUST MOUNTAIN, RED ASH, LE-high and white ash, Schuylkill, warranted to be free articles; also English Cannel, Liverpool and Cumberland, of the best qualities. Prices as low as cost of the qualities are sold for. HENRY REEVE, Corner Canal and Centre and corner Jane and West-sts.

MARBLE MANTELS.—THE BEST PLACE IN Marble City to purchase cheap and well-finished marble mantels, &c., &c., is at A. KLABER'S Marble-yard, No. 169 East 10th-st., near 2d-av., N. Y. Cut this out.

500,000 CRANBERRY PLANTS FOR sale by GEO. A. HAYES, Bellingham, Massachusetts. Will send circular to all who send stamp to pay postage.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE STATES and Notary—No. 5 Dey-st., over Post Office, Room No. 5—20 years.

AUCTION SALES.

SECRETSON COAL AT AUCTION.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD CO., 74 WILLIAM-ST., N. Y., Feb. 21, 1863.

The minded Mining company works, the sale of coal at public auction, announced by the Board of Managers for the 4th day of December last, will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of Feb., 1863, at Hoyt's Hotel, No. 1 the room now used as the Jerseyman Exchange, No. 23 and 25 Exchange-place, commencing at the hour of 12 M., and place day WILLIAM DILLER, Auctioneer.

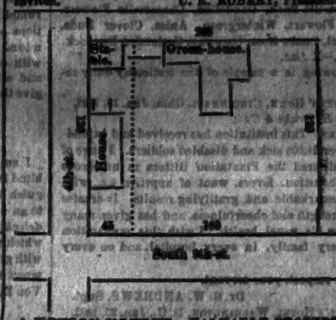
THIRTY THOUSAND TONS OF FRESH MINED SCRANTON COAL.

embracing all the usual sizes, and deliverable at their Depot, Elizabethport, N. J., after the 1st of March next. Receipt will be given for coal, on or about the 20th of each month during the year, 1863.

The sale will be positive. Each lot put up will be sold to the highest bidder; no bids to any party whatever, being made for any part of it in behalf of the company. Terms—Cash, one-half of the purchase money to be paid at the time of the sale, and the balance in like funds, on receiving the order for the coal, which must be called for within ten days thereafter, and the coal taken away within 30 days from the day of sale, unless navigation is obstructed. Buyers who wish, however, can have an additional thirty days for taking the delivery of their purchases by making a further deposit of fifty cents per ton within the ten days above specified. Interest at 7 per cent. per annum will be charged on the balance from the 30 days after the sale, if not taken and paid for. The other conditions of sale will be substantially those adopted and accepted by all purchasers of private contracts of Coal deliverable at Elizabethport, so far as applicable. The Coal will be delivered down from the cars on the day of arrival from the mines, when practicable—otherwise from the stock. These conditions will be modified to meet the wants of upper manufacturers, whose arrival cannot be definitely fixed.

With a reliable avenue from the Lackawanna and Western Valleys to tide-water, open every day in the year, it is obvious that a material increase in the demand for coal of the trade, the advantages of such sales, and the superior condition in which the Coal will be delivered, are so apparent, they cannot doubt the wisdom of selling with the general trade to the wholesale consumption is respectfully invited.

C. E. ROBERT, President.



AUCTION NOTICE.—VALUABLE PROPERTY in Brooklyn, E. D., for sale, on the 26th day of February, at 12 M., at No. 338 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, opposite the City Hall, by THOMAS MURPHY, Auctioneer.

FORECLOSURE SALE, under the direction of ISAAC L. MILLER, Referee.

The 3-story brick house, 3-story extension, stable in the rear, on the northeasterly corner of 4th and South 9th-sts., will be sold, with the adjoining lot, containing together 40 feet front, and 120 feet deep.

Upon this $6,000 of the purchase money may remain on hand and mortgaged.

Eight single lots adjoining, and fronting on South 9th-st., 20x100 feet, will be sold, one with the privilege of more.

This property was formerly owned and occupied by A. P. Cummings, Esq., and is within 10 minutes' walk of the green-house, and is filled with choice shrubbery, and cherry, plum and pear trees, of 15 to 20 years' growth, and in full bearing condition. A very desirable place for a gentleman's residence. For particulars, apply to

L. M. MILLER, Or to JAMES D. SPARKMAN, Manufacturers' Bank, Brooklyn.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

SUPERB ROSEWOOD AND BURL WUR-NITURE.

PAPIER-MACHE AND ROSEWOOD CASE PIANO-FORTES AT AUCTION.

A part of which was imported from Paris, (being peculiar furniture from the Crystal Palace Exhibition in our City,) and the balance made to order by Roux and others.

S. R. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at No. 597 4th-av. and No. 823 Broadway, near 13th-st., the contents of the elegant mansion on the northwest corner of 4th-av. and 30th-st., removed to the above stores for the purpose of sale, consisting in part of the following: Rosewood parlor suites, in figured damask, crimson and drab damask, French tufted centre and card tables; cabinet furniture, elegantly-carved rosewood center-tables and étagères; étageres, marble-tops, rosewood suites, in velvet tapestry, richly carved rosewood bedsteads; carved walnut library suite, in rep, buffet; richly decorated china vases; Paris gilt clocks; French oak library table desk, and tables; solid oak chairs, in plush; carved solid rosewood and mahogany French bedsteads; armoire a glace; dressing bureaus, washstands, toilet-tables, spring beds, mattresses, feather beds, bolsters and pillows, gold; mahogany extension tables, sofas, chairs and rockers, in hair-cloth.

Also, A SUPERB PAPIER-MACHE CASE PIANO-FORTE, by GROVESTEEN, and other, at the CENTRAL PARLOR, in ROSEWOOD, LOCKWOOD'S PIANO-FORTES, CHICKERING & BRADBURY, Makers. Suites of elegant bedroom furniture, elegant medallion, velvet, Brussels, 5-ply and ingrain carpets, all clothing, gas chandeliers, a number of superior engravings, fine oil paintings, &c. The above will be on exhibition, with catalogues, on Monday, 23d inst.

N. B.—No other furniture except that received from the above house will be sold.

AUCTION CARD.

THE LARGE SALE OF MAGNIFICENT HOUSE-HOLD FURNITURE AND RARE WORKS OF ART ADVERTISED TO TAKE PLACE THIS DAY, (MONDAY,)

At 11 o'clock, at No. 152 West 21st-st., near 7th-av., will positively take place without reserve to whom company for the largest and most valuable collection of superb furniture, elegant plate-glass, bronzes, statuary, paintings, French China, rich cut glass, silver ware, &c., offered at auction this season, all in perfect order, and to be sold strictly without reserve. Catalogues at house.

GEORGE COOK, Auctioneer.

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

TO-MORROW, at 11 o'clock, at store No. 141 Broadway, a very elegant and well assorted stock of first-class City made furniture, of all varieties; also a superb rosewood 7½-octave piano-forte.

HENRY H. LEDDS & CO., Auctioneers.

GREAT SALE OF PICTURES—INTERNA-TIONAL ART INSTITUTION.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 26th and 27th, at 7½ o'clock each evening, at the old Dusseldorf Gallery, No. 548 Broadway, the entire stock, i. e. "International Art Institution," comprising works of the highest order of art of the Dusseldorf, Munich, Brussels and other schools, consigned by Wm. Ambrosius Eff, Director, and for the past three years on exhibition at the corner of Broadway and 4th-st. This collection, now presented to the public for the first time, is the most valuable ever exhibited in this country. Among these great works are specimens by Hermann, Carl Hubner, Jacobi, Grun, Schmitz, Rudolph, Achenbach, Lindenschmit, Jr., Gruner, Martin, Fr. Schlesinger, Lindenschmit, Holland, Sonntag, Sohrn, Hunsinger, Hillingers, &c. Also fine examples of the French school, by Meyerheim, Juliette Bonheur, De Jonhge, De Dreux, Tanneur, Lanfant de Metz, Pouvin, Cornerier, Pepey, Jules Garen, Breton, Rosier and others. Also of the schools of Holland and Belgium, by Verboeckhoven, Verhoeckhoven, Van Marcke, De Vinder, Dillens, Bogaerts, De Brandt, Mme. Rosseau, Carolus, Fleurot, Westermannen, Quinsaert, Verwee, &c., together with great fine examples of the English masters, by Sleeper, Egan, Hill, Williams, Rossiter, Adam, Harland and Ward, and a large collection of Bronzes, in this collection is the last copy of Baron Alexander von Humboldt, taken from life by Professor Schrader, which he placed the great savan then to be addressed to Mr. Auberman the following letter, the original of which may be seen at the gallery:

SIR: How should I not be moved by my dear Mr. Auberman, by all the kindness and friendship you to me in the United States of America. My portrait by your talented artist, Professor Schrader, contributes in the happiest manner great physiognomical truth with depth of feeling and the most laborious technicality.

Consider, dear sir, my thanks, which I pour upon you in your country. I hope that the week of a dear friend will find favor in your exhibition.

Please receive, sentiments of my patriotical esp. (devoted man. Prefect.) the illegibility of these lines.

I remain, dear sir, Yours faithfully, ALEX. VON HUMBOLDT.

BERLIN, Nov. 4, 1856.

The above collection will be open for exhibition, free to the public, on and from Thursday, the 26th instant, until evenings of sale.

AUCTION SALES.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF SUPERB HOUSE-HOLD FURNITURE, Rosewood Pianos, Mirrors and costly works of art and articles of vertu. ALVAN G. BAKER & CO. will sell at public auction on MONDAY, Feb. 23, at the residence of Dr. Philip Rambow, No. 48 West 16th-st., between 5th and 6th-ave., sale commencing at 11 o'clock; r

MEDICAL.

INVETERATE ERADICATED! IGNORANCE EXPOSED! FALLACIES UNMASKED!—HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO BOTH SEXES. Married Persons, and Young Men Meditating Marriage, should immediately read Dr. LAMONT'S Finely Illustrated and New-York Medical Adviser, and Marriage Guide, which, when read, will prove a Priceless Boon to the Afflicted. Sent free by mail, in sealed envelopes, on receipt of 25 cents. Address Dr. LAMONT, No. 2 Ann-st., FEDERHEN & CO., 13 Court-st., Boston.

THE VIGOR OF YOUTH IS RESTORED by Dr. POWERS' ESSENCE OF LIFE OR INVIGORATING ELIXIR, and Dr. Powers' Medical Pills are Warranted to Cure Premature Weakness, Nervousness, Are you subject to that most and body destroying disease resulting from secret habits? Dr. POWERS' Invigorating Essence and Medical Pills briefly cure the very worst cases, while innocent of anything deleterious, and are warranted to cure without exposure and sold by Dr. POWERS, No. 13 Laight-st., New-York. Address, and Pamphlet Free. They will certainly cure. Send for circular; read it carefully, and then you will send for the remedies.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY LADY.—DR. WARD'S Great Female Regulator or Golden Healing Pills. Infallible in correcting, regulating and securing Health, from whatever cause, designed especially for married females, or those on the moonlight sail—and they will never disappoint the anxious patient. Office, No. 12 Laight-st., where Dr. WARD can be consulted, confidentially, day and evening.

DR. HUNTER'S RED DROP RESTORES the vigor of youth in four days. Restores manhood in ten days. Cures Gleet, No. 2 Division-st., New-York, the only place. Address, Dr. Hunter, Department No. 2, P.O. Box 4,586, New-York City. Beware of imposters, who are trying to trick on the credit of Dr. Hunter's great reputation as a skillful and reliable physician. He has no other office but No. 2 Division-st. Established in 1834.

SWEET'S REMEDY CURES DYSPEPSIA. For sale by all druggists. Depot No. 43 Grand-st., Brooklyn, E.D.

PRIVATE CONSULTATION.—DR. HUNTER may be confidently consulted on all diseases of a private nature. A practice of 20 years, devoted to the treatment and cure of Syphilitic, Mercurial and diseases of a delicate nature, enables Dr. H. to make quick and permanent cures. Dr. H. is the only physician who makes a specialty of both sexes, and is the only valuable Dr. Hunter's great reputation as a skillful and reliable physician. He has no other office but No. 2 Division-st. Established in 1834.

DR. COOPER, NO. 14 DUANE-ST., MAY BE confidently consulted on all diseases of a private nature. A practice of 20 years, devoted to the treatment and cure of Syphilitic, Mercurial and diseases of a delicate nature, enables Dr. C. to make quick and permanent cures. Dr. C. is the only physician who makes a specialty of both sexes, and is the only valuable Dr. Hunter's great reputation as a skillful and reliable physician. He has no other office but No. 2 Division-st. Established in 1834.

A PHYSIOLOGICAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE, Including nearly 200 pages and 125 fine plates and engravings, showing the anatomy of the sexual organs in a state of health and disease, with a treatise on self-abuse, its deleterious effects upon the mind and body, with the author's plan of treatment—the only rational and successful mode of cure, as shown by the report of cases treated. A medical adviser to the married and those contemplating marriage, who entertain doubts of their physical condition. Sent, free of postage, to any address, on receipt of 25 cents. Address Dr. LAMONT, No. 2 Ann-st., FEDERHEN & CO., 13 Court-st., Boston.

DR. LA OROLI, No. 21 Maiden-lane, Albany, N. Y.

IMPORTANT TO THE MARRIED AND THOSE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED.—Dr. A. E. BANCIEAU, Professor of Diseases of Women, has just published the tenth edition of the valuable book, entitled THE MARRIED WOMAN'S PRIVATE MEDICAL COMPANION, strictly intended for those who desire a communication fertile in too rare a measure of family. Price $1. Sold at his office, No. 152 Liberty-st., New-York; or can be sent by mail, free of postage to any part of the United States, on receipt of the price. Address Dr. A. E. BANCIEAU, No. 152 Liberty-st., New-York City. For Sale by R. RICHARDSON, at No. 1 Tenny-st., Albany; Hessel and No. 10 Ann-st.; FEDERHEN & CO., 13 Court-st., Boston.

DR. COLBURN'S MEDICAL COMPANION, or Private Medical Adviser, sent free of charge to any address. Diseases and Weaknesses, Treatment, Remedies, Cures. Address, Dr. COLBURN, No. 2 Division-st., New-York.

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PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, New-York, Feb. 21, 1863.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until 12 M. 24th inst., for the erection of a building for office purposes on the Government ground in the vicinity of Fort Schuyler. Said building to be 100 feet by 25 feet, two stories and a basement, with story also 20 feet in the clear. The building to find all the materials, and turn the building over in the Government, ready for occupancy, in the shortest possible time.

Detailed plans may be seen at this office.

STEWART VAN VLIET,
Major and Quartermaster.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FEB. 12, 1863.

SEALED Proposals will be received at the Office of the Bureau of Construction, Treasury Department, until 12 o'clock M., March 2, 1863, for GLASS, according to the following Schedule of size and qualities, to be delivered in New-York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Portland, Portsmouth, Baltimore, Norfolk, Richmond, Wilmington, Newbern, Beaufort, Key West, Pensacola, Mobile, New-Orleans, Galveston, Brazos Santiago, Port Royal, Hilton Head, Fernandina, St. Augustine, Key Tortugas, Ship Island, Cairo, Mound City, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Sandusky, Cleveland, Buffalo, Oswego, Sacketts Harbor, Burlington, Portland, Bangor, Eastport, Calais, St. Albans, Alexandria, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia

FROM BEFORE VICKSBURGH.

The Sickness in Gen. Grant's Army—Great Negligence of the Sick—New Vicksburgh to be Fortified—The Virtues of Digging—Important Events Coming.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OUR VANGUARD, Friday, Feb. 13, 1863.

The horrors of war, its bravery and endurance, its sufferings, triumphs and failures, are not all the exclusive possession of the battle-field. A battle aggregates these qualities, and hence brings them more conspicuously before the eyes of the world; and yet, every hour in the existence of the army, away from actual conflict, is characterized by events equally worthy our admiration, our sympathy, our tears.

If, at such times, Death is not riding on the sulphurous whirlwind belched from cannon and musket, he is not idle; but simply changes his form, and carries on unceasingly his labors. His attentions are not the less assiduous that they are quiet—not less fatal that they are unsought.

Five hundred men were killed in the late attack upon Vicksburgh—five hundred men were given in a fight not lasted four days, and the country was horrified at the enormous and enormity of the sacrifice. And yet, every day since we have been here, not less than one hundred fell to respond to roll-call, and are carried out to never return. The loves, rolled into volleys by this banquet of death, is all that falls on their great sea of loss, and how fearful our shortcomings in these noiseless, unsung, unknown hecatombs between actual conflicts.

My attention has been painfully directed to these facts within the last three days. Sunday night I received word that a soldier was lying very sick at one of the hospitals, located on a plantation some three miles above Young's Point. Upon reaching the place, I found a roomy palatial mansion, and could thirty or forty low log buildings, formerly used for negro quarters, but now devoted to hospital purposes. All the log buildings were of the "saddle bag" order of architecture; that is, two small huts joined by a common roof and floor, and with no other means for the entrance of light and ventilation than is afforded by a narrow door.

At various of these pens, I made inquiries, and at length found the one I sought. I entered it, and after waiting a few moments till my eyes became accustomed to the darkness, I found my soldier, or at least I found a poor skeleton upon a cot in a corner—an emaciated nothing remnant of what had once been an athletic man.

Over to the Surgeon's quarter; the Surgeon absent since yesterday. Where? Went down to dine with Gen. BEALE. The three miles intervening between the hospital and the tent of the General did not last long under the incentive of relief and speed, and not long afterwards I felt the Surgeon at the side of the patient. A clasp of the pulse, and a shake of the head was all that resulted.

I obtained some information of the Surgeon. The roomy, airy house could not be used by his patients, because it was held by some individual who sported a star on his shoulder. He had few hundred patients crowded together in these dark, scheme negro quarters, and of these fifteen to thirty died daily. The weather was at times intensely cold—he could get no wood—nobody would answer his requisitions, and the sick suffered severely from the cold. He had chopped down all the fences in the vicinity, dug up the posts, dismantled a few out-houses, and in this way had managed to afford a little fire in cases of extremity. He had no medicine—requisitions met with no response beyond a refusal. He had no provisions beyond coarse army rations; and were for three days the only food given the sick was that which was humanely shared with them by a small guard that had been placed around the quarters, and who fortunately had brought a few days' rations with them. He was unable to afford these under his charge much beyond sympathy when sick, and a detail of men with sicks and spades to cover them up when dead.

This was the Post Hospital, and in it, it is not perhaps exaggeration to assert, that dying is the rule and getting well the exception. Application for discharges in cases where recovery without change of air was impossible, rarely meet with success—it having been asserted by at least one General that it is easier to dig two graves than sign one set of papers. The requisite brutality of such a remark will command admiration—the individual who uttered it takes preeminence in all that is mean, unfeeling and diabolical.

I am happy to state that in my investigations, I found one bright exception to the prevailing inefficiency that characterizes the treatment of the sick. This is in the case of the *City of Memphis*, a steamer of the largest size, which has been turned into a hospital boat, and placed under the charge of Dr. TURNER and his estimable wife. There I found some fifteen hundred sick, and occupying positions visited by pure air and light, abundantly supplied with medicines and delicacies, a large and practiced corps of assistants and nurses, and, better than all these, the kind attentions of a compassionate woman, to remind them of home and surround them with such sympathies as only the gentler sex can offer.

The rise of water, the immense quantity of rain that has turned this portion of the "bottom" into a fathomless abyss of mud, and the severe fatigue duties required of our soldiers in digging canals and building levees, will show the origin of much of the distress in the camps; but there is no explanation why the mortality is so fearful—no reason why our men should be packed like hogs in narrow pens, and left to die in filth, darkness and neglect.

There may possibly be good reason—strategic, moral or otherwise—why all the fine houses hereabout are occupied by officers, while the sick are left to die in narrow boats and dirty huts, lately used by negroes—but if there be a reasonable necessity for such things, I have yet to learn its character. As these gentlemen gain the credit of all their victories, and as their comfort is so much to be preferred to the lives of the common herd, I can only suggest that the work and file be disbanded, and they be allowed to do the digging and fighting. It might materially lessen the number of this class of patriots, but that such a result would be a damage either to the country or the cause, is a question that will admit a good deal of diverse argument.

When there yet remains volume so much of the odious task undertaken by the people, when a general draft is talked of, when recruiting officers all over the country are individually opening weeks of time and thousands of dollars to obtain a half-dozen recruits, when the blood of patriots is being poured out as free as rain, and every household in the land is called in mourning, we cannot afford to have our armies decimated so frequently, through official neglect. Of the one hundred who die in this army daily, sixty per cent could be saved were it not for the culpability and negligence of those in command.

These assertions are not meant to be too sweeping, for all Generals here do not occupy houses, not all Surgeons neglect their sick. There are, all through the various ramifications of the service, many honorable exceptions.

As you are probably aware, Vicksburgh is still in the hands of the rebels. The muzzles of the 140 guns, with their Cyclopean eyes, still gape across the river at the panorama afforded by the formidable gathering of National troops and transports on this side of the Father of Waters. How or when we shall take the place is not definitely determined upon; the latter will undoubtedly depend much upon the character of the former. We can again ascend the Yazoo, sustain and possibly carry the works on Haynes's Bluff, and thus at once assume a position on firm ground and menace their rear; or we can bombard them for a day or two, and, under cover of the tremendous fire from the gunboats, land our forces directly in front of the city, and carry the works by storm; or, better than all, we can adopt the latest modern improvement in warfare, and dig them out.

McClernand has put the people of Northern Mississippi back day from out of Corinth. Pope dug them into a surrender at Island No. 10. Butler digging PAMLICO drove the North into great hot indignation. Hopes, not long since, at Vicksburgh.

Gen. GRANT, who has hitherto confined himself to giving and taking sturdy knocks, with more reliance on steel and saltpetre than shovels, has fallen into the fashion, and is now engaged as lustily in digging at Vicksburgh as ever sexton dug in grave-yard or miner after golden nuggets. Where he is digging and what is contributed; and although a dozen newspapers have already advised their respective sheets of the whole enterprise, I will not peril the reputation of the Times for discretionness by following their example. Suffice it to say that Gen. GRANT is now hacking his maiden spade in the bosom of mother earth with a vigor that deserves, if it do not meet, with a glorious success.

The Court-martial of the representative of your contemporary, the *Herald*, still continues, but it has long since ceased to have any reference to the individual on trial. The whole thing has resolved itself into an inquest upon the action of Vicksburgh—who did do certain things and who did not—who obeyed orders and disobeyed them—who was a coward and who was not. Developments of a decidedly interesting character will be made, several gentlemen implicated will have permission to resign, while it is not at all improbable pistols and coffee will be resorted to in order to avoid the discussions likely to arise between two or three of not the least important officers engaged in the late siege of Vicksburgh. Some sharp notes have already passed; recriminations are handled about in great abundance; in short we are improving rapidly here in the West, and only need a few more court-martials and a few more changes of commanders to make us equal in efficiency to any other army in the field. Have patience with us, for we are doing our best.

There is no news that I can give you, beyond the fact that fishes are progressing so rapidly as shoners will admit. The balance of McPherson's corps will be here during the present week, and probably take position at Lake Providence, sixty miles above. In ten days from this, something of genuine importance will be very likely to occur.

GALWAY.

LOYALTY IN KANSAS.

Great Union Demonstration at Leavenworth—Speech of Gen. Blunt—Resolutions, &c.

From Our Own Reporter.

LEAVENWORTH, Saturday, Feb. 14, 1863.

The Union meeting last evening was a success. The audience was very large, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity, and many going away, unable to obtain admittance. The band of Gen. BLUNT was in attendance, and played stirring national airs. Col. D. R. ANTHONY presided. Among the Vice-Presidents were Hon. M. W. DELAHAY, Surveyor-General; Gen. WM. LARIMER, Jr.; W. H. RAYMOND, H. DRENNEMAN, Corcoran PALMER and S. H. ELBER. Secretaries—Capt. GEO. H. HOYT, D. W. WILDER, editor of the *Conservative*, and H. DUCHESNEAU, editor of the *Sunday Bulletin*. Gen. BLUNT, with several members of his Staff, appeared on the platform, and was greeted again and again with tumultuous cheering. The President, in opening the meeting, declared that since the destruction of the *Inquirer*, property and risen ten per cent. He briefly recounted the facts of the attempt to assassinate himself, Mr. BUNKER and other loyal men, and claimed that when the agents of the civil authorities were themselves actors in such transactions, it was time that the people vindicated justice and loyalty themselves. Col. JENNISON was loudly called for, and responded by inquiring for the report of the Committee on Resolutions, appointed at the last meeting.

Judge MCCAHON, as Chairman, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted with loud cheering:

When treason becomes bold and defiant in our midst; when loyal and peaceable citizens are threatened with death through the columns of a treasonable sheet and the mouths of traitors; when our Government is openly assailed and scoffed at, and insidious means used to seduce loyal people from their allegiance; when public meetings are called, under a specious guise, to propose and promulgate treason, it is time that loyal men should unite for the protection of themselves, and to speak and act as becomes loyal and free people: Therefore

Resolved, That all those who ask or propose peace with the rebels now in arms against the Government of the United States, except upon terms of unconditional submission to the Constitution and laws, or who propose a dissolution or separation of the Union in any manner, are traitors.

Resolved, That it would be a stain upon the fair fame of Kansas, as a loyal State, to permit the making of any treasonable proposition, or the adoption of any treasonable resolution by any body of men in our midst, *and it shall not be done*. This we resolve with a firm determination to carry it out to the letter, some what may.

Resolved, That death is the constitutional and legal punishment of treason, and that the policy of incarcerating traitors for a time and then disharging them without further punishment, is not proper. The legal punishment should be inflicted without delay.

Resolved, That we cordially indorse the President's Proclamation of Sept. 22, 1862, giving freedom to slaves in the certain districts designated by his Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863. As that Proclamation gives freedom to the slaves of rebels *only*, we hereby express our conviction that the opposition to it arises from sympathy with the rebellion.

Resolved, That, confident of the final triumph of our Government and the overthrow of treason, we again renew our pledge of unswerving fidelity to the Union, and our determination to support the Government through all vicissitudes unto the end.

Gen. BLUNT was then loudly called for, and responded in a terse and telling speech, the points of which are given in the following brief synopsis.

I don't propose to make a speech, but merely give you a little *Blunt* talk. I am not much in favor of soldiers making speeches, but to-night, as a citizen of Kansas, I ask the privilege of taking a part in this meeting. And I can say now, with more truth than ever before, that I am proud to be a citizen of Kansas. [Loud cheers.] I have lately been in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, and I have heard more treason talked than ever was permitted here. I am glad there is one Free State, one bright spot, one sovereign State where treason and traitors will not be tolerated. [Applause.] The fatte incident that happened in my absence is one that I trust will be taken up and followed by other States. [Cheers.] If there ever was a case where the people were justified in shooting a nuisance, that was one. I intended to squelch the thing as soon as I got home, but I am glad you took the dirty job off my hands. [Laughter and applause.] Notwithstanding the opposition to the war manifested in some of the States, I trust the time has come when it is to be settled whether Copperheads or loyal men are to rule this country. It is supposed by many that this opposition to the war comes from the Democratic party. This is not true. Many who have been associated with them are the *leaders*, but I believe the great mass of that party to be true and loyal. [Cheers.] The seeds of discussion have been sown by rebel sympathizers. The anti-war leaders are men who have nothing to lose, but who hope to advance their own fortunes through the ruin of this Government. The rank and file are honest men, the victims of wily demagogues and politicians. I wonder if these men have ever thought of what aid and comfort they are giving to the enemy? There is a perfect understanding between the leading Copperheads in the North, and the leading rebels in the South. The aim of both is to cripple the Government and prolong the rebellion.

Not long since a rebel officer came within my lines in Arkansas to exchange prisoners, and he acknowledged to me that the rebel Government was pressed to the last resort to maintain itself. He said their only hope and the one upon which they relied was, to hold out a few months longer, until civil war is inaugurated in the Free States, and our soldiers had to go home to put it down. He told me they took courage from the tone of the Northern papers. He said he regarded the Chicago Times, Cincinnati *Enquirer* and Columbus *Crisis* as good "secesh" papers.

Fellow-citizens: I have some little respect for a man who believes his cause to be just, and who fights to sustain it. But the most detestable men on earth are those consummate cowards who lack the courage to shoulder a musket and go inside the rebel lines, but who stay at home and fire in the rear of the men who are defending your homes and your country. [Great cheering.] When I heard these Copperheads talk I felt like putting them in the guard-house. I told them that in Kansas the soil and climate were not congenial to rebels. But with all these dark clouds I can see no reason yet to be discouraged. I still have the utmost confidence in our people. If we had leaders in the field who were in earnest, this rebellion would be put down in six months.

The Administration is weeding out the traitorous imbeciles and cowards, and when this is done we shall put down the rebels. It is your duty to tell your representatives in Congress to urge on this work of purifying the army. I have yet to see the first soldier who is tired of this war, or that was disposed to end it without the unconditional submission of the rebels. [Applause.] The men are all right, and they are not at all backward about having a stomach help them. Whenever I have heard any objection to rebels being fitted by hangmen, I have always noticed that it came from some fool in civil life. [Great laughter.]

Let me say to the Copperheads that when this rebellion is put down, and when this army returns home, there will be a day of fearful retribution. [Cheers.] There will be the biggest crop of black eyes ever heard of in this country. I believe Kansas has taken the lead in throttling these Copperheads, as she ever does in all good causes. I think you will do your country a good service if you knock down every man you hear spouting treason. [Cheers.] No matter if it occurs in church.

The two following resolutions were passed, to meet the causes to which they point. The last, in relation to the depreciation of the National currency, and the purchase of Confederate scrip, was adopted, in consequence of its having become known that certain bankers and others in this town were in the habit of purchasing Confederate notes at from 20 to 40 cents. It is believed that the currency thus purchased is taken to Memphis, and made a contraband instrument of trade with the rebels. It is time that the purchase of the rebel currency was stopped. It is an evil which nothing excuses. Undoubtedly great profits are made by the knowing ones by such treasonable speculation. The effect of such traffic can be foreseen, when we remember that men are affected by their interests. A luke-warm loyalist, who becomes the possessor of this money to a large extent, will have so many dollars to sway him in favor of peace and recognition, that thereby he may realize on his rebel notes. But to the resolutions:

Resolved, That loyal men should not pay or make good any loss sustained by traitors, and that we regard any attempt to compel or enforce such payment as a participation in treason.

Resolved, That we regard all those who by word or deed disparage or attempt to depreciate the currency of the Government of the United States, or who deal in Confederate script in any manner, as aiders and abettors of treason. E. J. R.

THE KENTUCKY REBEL CONVENTION

Full Attendance of Well-Known Rebels.

The Dispersion of the Convention by Order of Col. Gilbert.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

FRANKFORT, KY., Thursday, Feb. 19.

Failing to procure the lower house of the Legislature to hold their traitorous Conventions, the ex-Camp Chase rebels and Secessionists sent hither to nominate a State ticket of such men as would hand the State over into the possession of the Southern Confederacy, procured Metropolitan Hall and met in Convention yesterday morning. Two hundred men, all told, comprised the number present, and these were marvelously ill-favored fellows with filthy beards and "foreheads villainously low." It is not my disposition to abuse those men because they met here to destroy the authority of the United States Government in Kentucky, but I must state, for candor and a regard for truth compel me, that they resembled a pack of guerrillas, such as swept and swept in Western Virginia and Tennessee, more than aught else in the lower links of the human chain that I can recall. They reeked of whisky and tobacco, and their attitudes were distinguishable by the everlasting and highly characteristic "butternut" suits. There were some men among them who represented the better classes of society, but they were few, and well known to be out-and-out Secessionists, therefore not entitled to, or sharing the respect of true and loyal men.

At 11 o'clock Jesse LEARNING, of Covington, called the Convention to order, and calling Ex-Gov. MADDOX to the Chair, for a time, but he not being present, LEARNING took the Chair *pro tem.*, J. F. HARRISON acting as Secretary.

At this stage of the proceedings Col. GILBERT, of the Forty-fourth Ohio, commander of the First Brigade, Army of Central Kentucky, came forward, and in a calm, firm voice, read the following:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE, ARMY OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY, FRANKFORT, KY., Feb. 18.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 2.—Reliable information having been received at these headquarters that a number of rebel spies and emissaries are in this city, it is ordered that all persons now here who are not residents or who are not members of the Kentucky Legislature or officers of the State Government, shall forthwith report their names to these headquarters, accompanied with satisfactory references as to their loyalty to the Government of the United States.

By command of S. A. GILBERT,
Colonel Commanding Brigade.

JOHN G. TELFORD, A. A. A. G.

A visible sensation was produced, and several called for another reading of the order. This was done by Lieut.-Col. WINOR, of the Forty-fourth Ohio. "Curses not loud, but deep," followed; but there was a manifest disposition to smoothe the thing over, and proceed to business with all the semblance of good faith possible under the circumstances. A Resolution to Expel Col. GILBERT and left his seat in the Senate to attend the Convention, arose, and suggested that in order to facilitate business the call for delegates be made, and as the lists were handed in they could be submitted to Col. GILBERT.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the counties in their alphabetical order: Jefferson, Campbell, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Scott, Shelby, Mason, Oldham and Woodford counties, and the City of Louisville, sending the largest number of delegates.

During the call, DAVID MERRIWEATHER arrived in the hall, and was invited to the chair. He is an Ex-Governor of New-Mexico, and has been a very active Secessionist from the first.

It soon became known that the place was guarded by Federal soldiers, and several of the more timid began to evince signs of uneasiness, and commenced to move toward the door, but no one was allowed to pass out except he had enrolled his name. Some swore fearfully, and indulged in the most filthy abuse of the President, and his "nigger thieves," but the majority remained silent, and spent their time in looking at their neighbors, speculating whether they were to be trusted or not.

After the call of the delegates was complete, and the names enrolled, Col. GILBERT stepped upon the stage, and addressed the Convention as follows:

"I hope no one present will create any disturbance, or utter any seditious sentiments, as that will cause trouble, and possibly may lead to the arrest of all. No doubt many of you, gentlemen, assembled here without any treasonable design, either present or prospective. All such I invite to quietly depart to their homes, but there are those here whom we know to be rebels of the worst kind, the quiet plotters of treason, who, to carry out their infamous designs, would deluge the fair fields of Kentucky in the blood of her citizens, make her rich plantations, beautiful villages and wealthy cities as desolate as are the domains of the Southern traitors with whom they are in league. Under the guise of that good old name, Democrat, they hope to perfect their designs; but it will not do. You are repudiated by the conservative Legislature, by their refusal to give you the use of their House. The Democratic newspapers scorn and excommunicate you. Democrats in high and low places call your leaders by the cognomen of traitors. There is no time in your whole proceedings in Kentucky, as none but men of undoubted loyalty to the United States Government will, under any circumstances, be allowed to run for any office, or fill it if elected. Such meetings as this you shall not hold within the limits of my command, and, to avoid difficulty, you will disperse to your homes, and thus avoid any rash attempts to precipitate evil war upon your State."

Finding their treasonable purposes completely foiled by the coolness, tact and patriotism of Col. GILBERT, the chagrined "butternuts" gave in without a struggle. Senator BURR, however, offered some resolutions, and requested to have them read, but Col. GILBERT was politely firm, and they were withdrawn, after which the Convention was declared adjourned by the Chairman.

The interference of Col. GILBERT with this, the initiatory step to take the State out of the Union, is not only patriotic but highly justifiable. His conduct was calm and dignified throughout, and it has met with the hearty indorsement of every true loyal member of the Legislature and citizen of Frankfort.

His action was based upon the refusal of the Legislature to let the Capitol be used by the rebels, and upon the common consent of the people and loyal press denouncing them as such. The only complaint I heard made by the loyal people, was that Col. GILBERT did not arrest the entire gang of traitors and send them into the rebel lines to "fight for their rights," for as it is, they will return to their "respective places of abode" and set up a howl.

CHARACTER OF THE CONVENTION.

From the Louisville Journal, Feb. 19.

The train left this City for Frankfort at the usual hour yesterday morning, with about one hundred and fifty delegates, a majority of whom were from the lower border counties. Gentlemen with whom we have conversed, who accompanied the delegation to Frankfort and returned with them last evening, inform us that the conversation of these delegates was exceedingly rebellious; that they were as disloyal in their sentiments as if they had been devoted subjects of the arch-traitor JEFF. DAVIS. Nor were their expressions of disloyalty made in delicate terms; but they are represented to have been bold, exultant and defiant. We do not wonder, therefore, that their *treasonable purposes* became apparent to the civil and military authorities, and that their traitorous designs were thus summarily thwarted by Col. GILBERT.

Gen. BOYLE, the commander of the Western District of Kentucky, received a despatch from Gen. GILMORE last evening, under whose orders Col. GILBERT acted, informing him that he had dispersed the Convention, with the assurance that it would not reassemble in his district, and Gen. BOYLE promptly replied to Gen. GILMORE that the Convention should meet nowhere in his district.

We must hearily add that the course pursued by Col. GILBERT will meet the approval of all loyal Kentuckians.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

Ambulance Service and Field Surgery—Necessity for Improvement.

There prevails in the public mind a general sentiment of a great need of an efficient and thoroughly drilled corps to be devoted exclusively to the assistance and safety of the wounded, during and immediately after every battle. The public heart has been greatly pained, after almost every serious contest, to hear of large numbers of our wounded countrymen being compelled to lie a long time, in some instances several days, on the open ground, in helpless suffering and exhaustion from loss of blood, cold, wet, and hunger, and still the wonder grows that there has not long ago been arranged a thorough system of immediate relief to them. The anxiety of the country to see in active operation an efficient organization for this humane purpose, is believed to be second only to the anxiety to see the end of the rebellion. To lift the wounded man immediately from the ground and convey him to a place of safety, is the first impulse of every heart, and though to some it may seem to savor of mawkish philanthropy to be in such haste to extend the hand of succor to those who go into battle, expecting to suffer from wounds which they have striven to inflict upon others, yet we are not to forget that a wounded man is no longer a warrior, and having offered his blood and his life for the cause, the duty of prompt and energetic action for his safety is then sure, as it before was his for us. Nor must it be forgotten that from the moment the weapon falls from his hand, the wounded foe is no longer such, and is entitled to all the "aid and comfort" in our power, which we may now render without treason.

But it is not alone, as will be shown, for the purpose of relieving the wounded from pain and want, and transporting them to the nearest hospital, that the organization of an "Ambulance and Hospital Corps" is demanded. Army medical statistics demonstrate the fact that immediately fatal results from wounds of the head, heart, or some other vital organs, bear a very small proportion to the whole, while a very large proportion cause from wounds in the arms, legs, or other non-vital parts, not in themselves necessarily fatal, and which, in numerous instances, cannot be paid to be even serious. In such cases a large number die for want of prompt and easy succor to arrest hemorrhage, and rouse the sinking energies from the shock and fainting produced by the wound and loss of blood. Of these indirect or secondary causes of death from simple wounds, to be placed at the head of the list for frequency and seriousness, is hemorrhage, even from many wounds which are otherwise of trifling importance. For example, a trifling bullet-wound in an arm or leg, though it may shatter a bone, or even take the limb entirely off, is not necessarily fatal, *provided the hemorrhage is speedily arrested*; while on the other hand, a mere flesh wound, if a large artery happens to be severed, must prove fatal, *unless the flow of blood is speedily checked*. Says Prof. GROSS: "Hundreds die on the battle-field from this cause. They allow their life-current to run out, as water flows from a hydrant, without an attempt to stop it by thrusting the finger in the wound, or compressing the main artery in the injured limb. They perish simply from their ignorance, because the regimental surgeon has failed to give the proper instruction." MACKENZIE, in his *Notes on the Surgery of the War in the Crimea*, says: "It is unquestionable that a large number of the dead sink from hemorrhage." And that late eminent surgeon, GEORGE MCCLELLAN, M. D., father of the distinguished General, remarks: "Hemorrhage is the most serious of all the complications of gunshot wounds. *More lives are lost from it, either directly or indirectly, than from all circumstances combined.*"

It is believed by the best authorities that three-fourths of those who die in battle perish from loss of blood. This single fact is sufficient for the conviction that the prompt application of whatever means can be made available for the speedy arrestation of hemorrhage from wounds *on the field* is demanded by every consideration of humanity and patriotism, to say nothing of economy—as urgently as the establishment and support of hospitals for their subsequent treatment. It is before being removed to hospital, while the wounded are yet lying where they fell, that the danger is most imminent, and a hand is wanted to apply pressure upon the main artery of the injured limb, to arrest the fast ebbing current of blood; then is the critical moment, when the lives of large numbers may be saved.

Nor is this the only, though the principal preventible cause of death from bullet, shell or bayonet wounds. What is known to medical men as the "shock" of an injury, producing sudden exhaustion and prostration, sometimes terminates life, when a little timely restorative, as a cup of wine, or even of water, and dashing a little of the latter in the face, may rouse the enfeebled energies, and save many a life. These small, but important services the regimental Surgeons cannot perform, for they are the few in number, have other heavy duties to perform, and are not ubiquitous, but have their post at the hospital.

But it were needless to enumerate further the causes of many preventable deaths on the battle-field, having stated enough to prove that, by the presence, ready at hand, at every conflict, of a sufficient number of men instructed in the art of applying tourniquets, or some other means of staunching primary hemorrhage, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of lives might be preserved in the present contest.

It is demonstrated that men of ordinary intelligence, though without any medical education, may be instructed in the simple art of applying pressure to severed arteries and veins, sufficiently well for all the purposes here indicated; and that such a corps has not long ago been organized and placed in active service is, indeed, a matter of surprise. The medical statistics of other wars, as well as of this rebellion, show that from one-half to three-fourths of all the wounds received are in the limbs, and also that large numbers of amputations, and other capital operations, prove fatal merely because the patients are exhausted from previous loss of blood, which a timely action of the tourniquet or some other mode of pressure upon the supplying blood-vessels would have prevented.

A bill has passed the House of Representatives, and is now pending in the Senate, authorizing the enlistment of an Ambulance and Hospital Corps, with a full military organization. Such a body, with its officers and men properly drilled in the practices alluded to, must be regarded as one of the most valuable suggestions which the present crisis of the country has developed. While every energy is given to overcoming our enemies, as the means of securing the safety of the Constitution and the Government, let us not be unmindful of the great duty of preserving the lives of those whose blood is shed in their defence. Every household in the land having a member or a relative in the army is directly, and all others are at least indirectly, interested in the establishment of this institution—the enlistment of a body of active, intelligent men, whose duty shall be to save lives, instead of destroying them. Besides being taught the art of arresting hemorrhages from different parts of the body, they should be instructed in many other important duties, such as the bandaging of fractured and dislocated limbs; the first aid to be given in bruises, cuts, and gunshot wounds; the treatment required in cases of exhaustion and fainting, insensibility and stunning from falls from horses, blows upon the head, drowning, choking, garroting, hanging, freezing, sunstroke, burns, &c.; the best methods of lifting the wounded from the ground, and placing them on litters and ambulances, in anticipation of the arrival of the surgeon, or reaching a hospital; in the general principles of nursing the sick and wounded; the very important knowledge of the positive signs of death, to avoid (what is feared has too often occurred) premature interment; and finally, the proper method of burying the dead.

In the organization of a corps for these purposes, the most liberal construction should be given, and, aside from the increased confidence it would produce in the public mind, from its guarantee to the relatives and friends of every soldier that his life would not be needlessly sacrificed, there cannot be a reasonable doubt that the entire cost (though the last for it would be most cheerfully paid) would be returned to the treasury every year, in the economy of life it results.

There is probably not a proposition before Congress more certain to receive the unanimous approbation of the people, and there can be no valid reason for a single day's delay in its enactment, except to perfect its details. Should there be another Bull Run or Fredericksburgh disaster, or another Antietam victory, before the thorough organization of the Ambulance and Hospital Corps, the Government would properly be held responsible for every life it might have saved.

Foreigners and the Conscription.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Allow me to call your attention to a clause in the first section of the new Conscription bill just passed in Congress, by which persons of foreign birth, who may have declared their intentions of becoming citizens, are made liable to conscription. If my memory is not at fault, this clause in the bill is contrary to the Constitution of the United States. I know it is contrary to the interpretation put upon it by the Government. See the declaration of the Secretary of State, made last Summer, that the simple declaration of intentions did not make a man a citizen, and consequently his non-citizenship exempted him from being drafted.

If this clause in the act is allowed to remain in its present shape, it will be productive of much mischief. You know as well as I do that, notwithstanding all the efforts of bad men, unprincipled political demagogues, and Slavery-worshiping editors, the greater majority of our foreign-born residents, especially the Irish, Scotch and Germans, are as loyal to the Government, if not more loyal, than the great mass of our native-born citizens; yet they will not, as a class, submit willingly to a compulsory performance of the full duties of a citizen to his Government without being entitled to the full privileges of citizenship, which, under existing laws, they cannot enjoy. I ask, Can a man legally vote on a mere "declaration of intentions?" Of course not. Why, then, I ask, should he be made to fight against his will for laws which he can have no voice in making. You may reply, Let him take out his "final papers," and then he can vote. I grant that, but here again the law intervenes, and says that two years must elapse between his declaration and the issuing of his final papers.

The Government may rely on it, that this clause in the bill will cause more trouble with foreign Governments, through Ministers and Consuls, than can possibly be offset by the service of those it seeks to reach. Viewing it in this light, as an unconditional supporter of the Government, under whose flag I make my present home, I have felt it my duty to call your attention to the matter, hoping you may through the influence of your valuable journal effect such modifications of this part of the act as will prevent future trouble and foreign complications in the directions I have indicated. M.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.... 6 45 | Sun sets.... 5 45 | Moon sets... morn.

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook..11 11 | Gov. Island..12 00 | Hell Gate.. 1 22

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SUNDAY, Feb. 22.

Arrived.

Steamer Falcon, Jones, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.

Steamer Osprey, Aldrich, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.

Steamer Petrel, Baker, Providence, with mdse. to E. Bynner.

U. S. steam transport Thomas Swann, Nichols, Washington, D. C., 40 hours, in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

U. S. steam transport Patapsco, Bearse, Washington, D. C., 36 hours, in ballast to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

Ship Oder, Freeman, New-Orleans 18 ds., with sugar, &c., to Spofford, Tileston & Co. Feb. 8, off Canyaral Reef, saw a large black ship, double topsails, steering S., with cargo.

Ship Pepperell, (of Saco,) Hill, Marseilles Dec. 30, and Gibraltar Jan. 1, with mdse. to Brotherhood & Wilson.

Ship Humboldt, (Hamb.) Boysen, Hamburgh Jan. 4, with mdse. to Sloman & Eddye. Passed the Lizard Jan. 16, Madeira Jan. 23; anchored at Sandy Hook on the 20th inst. at 6 P. M.

Ship New-Orleans, Russell, Milford haven 47 ds., with mdse. to Wm. T. Frost. Had strong westerly gales the entire passage. Jan. 16, Wm. E. Webster, of New-Haven, N. H., fell overboard and was drowned; lowered a boat, but could not save him. Jan. 20, had a heavy gale from S. W., with a very high sea running; lay to under bare poles for 11 hours. Feb. 17, lat. 39 40, lon. 64 51, saw an American ship steering S., was painted black and had a white bulwark with blue leader and three red balls in centre.

Ship George Nahman, Liverpool Dec. 22, to master, anchored on the bar.

Bark J. Kepler, (Bremen,) Jartzen, Cardiff Jan. 8, to order.

Bark Golden Era, (of Rockland,) Snow, Bermuda 5 ds., in ballast to Snow & Burgess.

Bark Wm. A. Anderson, (of Rockport,) Keen, Cardenas 12 ds., with sugar to T. B. Ward. Feb. 12, lat. 36 46, lon. 70 20, saw brig G. H. Dillingham, bound S.

Bark Grand Turk, Dolivar, Matanzas 11 ds., with sugar to Thomas Mayhew.

Bark E. S. W. Dodge, (of Blackfill.) Jarvis, Trinidad, Cuba, 17 ds., with molasses to C. & E. J. Peters.

Bark Sarah Bullet, Carthagena Jan. 29, with coffee, hides, &c., to Elliot & Murray. Feb. 11, off Cape St. Antonio, was boarded by U. S. gunboat Vanderbilt, from Havana the day previous, reporting the privateer Alabama at Kingston, Jam., coaling. The V. would proceed there direct and lay off to await the Alabama coming out. The Br. brigs Catharine, Pitman, and Prince of Wales, Partridge, sch. for Savanilla, Jan. 27, to load for New-York.

Brig Wm. T. King, (or Br., or Nassau,) Murray, Savanilla Feb. 4, with cotton, fustic, &c., to J. & H. Hatch & Co. Feb. 18, lat. 36 40, lon. 74 40, was boarded by U. S. ship Cumberland, cruising.

Brig Serene, (Br., of Halifax,) Crosby, St. Marc Feb. 2, with logwood to S. F. Small. Vessels left before reported.

Brig Anita Dyer, Wallace, Matanzas 11 ds., with sugar to Thos. Mayhew.

Brig A. V. Gouldue, (Br., of Yarmouth, N. S.,) Williams, Cienfuegos Feb. 1, with sugar to Thomas James. Feb. 16, lat. 36 10, lon. 74 30, passed long floating, bad condition.

Brig Robert Morris, (of New-Haven,) Hotchkiss, Barbadoes Feb. 16, in ballast to H. Trowbridge's Sons.

Brig Wm. Gullet to John O. Gennet Jan. 8, and Vesper, sch. in ballast to John O. Gennet, bd. in on with bark Sarah Sheaf for New-Orleans.

WIND—Sunset, N. E., very heavy with snow.

Below.

Fr. bark F. E. Collet, Peyron, Marseilles Dec. 28.

Also, one of E. E. Morgan's line of London packets.

Steamship Mississippi, with horses and troops, anchored in lower bay.

Silly Branstine, from Rivanna.

Bark Golden Age.—All by pilot-boat No. 12.

Sailed.

Steamships Oregon, Sewell, Groton and Fish-Kill, Ships New-World, Courier, Emerald, Bruce, (Br.,) Contest.

Barks Charles Brewer, Helen Augusta, John Griffin, Martha's Vineyard, Clara E. Scull.

Brigs James Crow, (Br.,) Lourlette, Agua Wellington, M. A. Hillman, Savanna, Porto Plata, (Brem.,) and A. Pearce.

Schooners Black Diamond, W. B. Rowe, G. F. Bowley, A. S. Cannon, Emeline A., David Hale, Julia Maine, Thomas Page, Montrose, E. B. Stetson, A. S. Stinson, Black Bird, C. Pendleton, Golden Eagle, Charles Colgate, Alice Mabey, Emily Curtis, G. Fox, John H. Beach, and St. Louis.

Miscellaneous.

The pilot-boat Washington, No. 4, came to the City today, and reports the steamer Ella Warley, that was sunk by collision with the North Star, as having parted amidships, and rose to the surface, and is now entirely afloat, but is still held in the same place by (probably) the anchor; would have boarded her but for the tremendous high sea at that time.

Foreign Ports.

At Carthagena Jan. 29, Brem. brigs Pilo, loading for Bremen; Leola, do., do., J. H. Becker, had struck on Salmadina Shoal, discharged cargo and will probably be condemned.

At Savanilla, Feb. 4, Br. brigs Catharine, for New-York Feb. 5, and Prince of Wales for do. 7th.

At Barbadoes Feb. 10, schr. Mary Alice, for Arroya, P. R., same day.

Notice to Mariners.

The following position of Noonday Rock, near the North Farallones, (of San Francisco entrance,) has been received by telegraph from Assistant A. F. Rodgers, U. S. Coast Survey, viz:

Lat. 37 42 N., lon. 123 00 W